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## OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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|---------------------------|-----------------|
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## List of Ordained Ministers.

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Brunt, Wm.       | Winnie, N. C.    |
| Bryan, Levi.     | Cypress Creek, " |
| Beard, C. E.     | Winnie, "        |
| Bordeaux, A. J.  | Kelley's, "      |
| Brisson, Wm.     | Guyton, "        |
| Clark, D. J.     | Register, "      |
| Carter, Henry    | Garland, "       |
| Cashwell Jaimes. | Bladenboro, "    |
| Hilburn, R. M.   | " "              |
| Hilburn, D. H.   | " "              |
| Melvin, W. S.    | Winnie, "        |
| Register, J. M.  | Register, "      |

## EXECUTIVE BOARD.

|                 |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| D. J. Allen,    | C. B. Pridgen,  | D. J. Clark,    |
| Levi Bryan,     | Ed Rich,        | Samuel Cain,    |
| J. M. Register, | Ottis O. Davis, | I. A. Register, |
| H. C. Bridger,  | J. W. Russ,     | D.H. Hilburn,   |
| G. P. Sutton,   | W. B. Hester,   | L. E. Squires,  |
| J. W. Hester,   | R. M. Smith,    | W.C. Johnson,   |
| W. P. Smith,    | W. S. Melvin,   | Z.G. Thompson,  |
| I. H. Brisson.  |                 |                 |

# PROCEEDINGS.

CYPRESS CREEK CHURCH, Bladen County, N. C.

November, 10th 1893.

Rev. A. J. Bordeaux preached the introductory sermon, Text Romans 8:14, after which an intermission was given for 45 minutes.

## AFTERNOON.

Delegates and visitors assembled in the house, after singing "Children of the Heavenly King," the moderator appointed Brethren Murdock, Smith and Oliver Blackman reading clerks, and Brethren Fleet Howard, R. J. Mitchel and R. L. Bridger, Finance Committee.

The letters were then called for and read, and delegates enrolled as follows:

*Brown's Creek, S. C. Hester.*

*Abbottsburg, Letter.*

*Bethel, D. J. Allen.*

*Brier Branch, C. S. Long, M. M. Sessoms, E. V. Tatom,*

*Cypress Creek, A. S. Smith M. McSmith, Alex. Smith.*

*Centre Road, William Brisson.*

*Clarkton, G. W. Hester,*

*French's Creek, A. J. Bordeaux, C. B. Pridgen, C. C. Everitt.*

*Kate's Chapel, Robert Smith.*

*Galeed, R. L. Bridger, J. W. Callahan, J. L. Kelly,*

*Shady Grove, Letter.*

*Mt. Pleasant, H. B. Register,*

*Sugg's Grove, S. B. Cain, D. E. Melvin, Wm. OQuin,*

*Salt Marsh, L. E. Squires.*

*Sandy Grove, Letter,*

*White Lake, J. W. Marshburn, J. W. Russ.*

*Waddels, W. P. Smith, James Long,*

*Zion's Hill, H. F. Hilburn, I. F. Hilburn.*

*St. Joseph, Letter.*

*Edward's Chapel, Letter.*

*Smith's Chapel, James Cain, A. Rich, Ned Rich.*

*Beard's Chapel, Richard Smith, R. M. Smith, D. W. Long.*

*White Oak, D. B. Melvin, D. S. Tatom, F. P. Thomas,*

*Mt. Pleasant, (Samp. Co.) F. H. Armstrong, S. A. Carter,*

*( W. C. Melvin.*



A majority of the Churches responding, the Moderator stated it was time for election of Officers. A motion was then made to suspend the rule and elect the officers by acclamation, whereupon Rev. Wm. Brunt was elected Moderator, H B Register, Clerk, C. B. Pridgen, Treasurer. An invitation was then extended to visiting and corresponding messengers. Brethren Oliver Blackburn and Rackley, Rev. C. F. Hopper responded from the Eastern, Rev. John Prevatt, from the Robeson and Brother Howard from the South River were made welcome to seats. Petitionary letters for admission into this Association were called for, and Mt. Pleasant from Sampson County responded with a letter and delegates. After some complimentary remarks by the Moderator regarding their Orthodoxy a motion was made to receive the church and enroll the delegates. The Moderator then appointed the Pastor and Deacons of the Cypress Creek Church a committee on Religious exercises.

Brethren Long and Smith of Waddells church were excused for balance of the Session.

The report on periodicals was then read (see report) Remarks were then made by Bro Oliver Blackburn representing the N. C. Baptist also Revs. A. J. Bordeaux, John Prevatt, and C. E. Beard, Report adopted.

By motion adjourned to meet to-morrow morning 9:30. Prayer by Rev. John Prevatt.

#### SATURDAY MORNING.

After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. S. Melvin, Letters were again called for, Beard's Chapel responding with letter and delegates. Edward's Chapel by letter. St. Joseph by letter. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Bro. Oliver Blackburn was appointed to report on State Missions. The report on Home Missions was then read (see report;) and discussed by Revs A. J. Bordeaux, Levi Bryan and D. J. Clark, report adopted. The letter from Smith's was then read and delegates enrolled. The report on Associational Missions was then read (see report) remarks by Rev. C. E. Beard, report adopted. Report on State Missions was then read (see report) and discussed by Revs. A. J. Bordeaux R. M. Hilburn, C. E. Beard and D. J. Clark, report adopted. A Motion was then made to call the list of churches and take pledges to Sustain or help Bro. Harrell, \$25 00 in Onslow County, lost. A motion was then made to call the list of Churches and take pledges for State Missions. The following made pledges Brown's Creek, \$2.00, Bethiel, \$ 2 00, Brier Branch, \$2.00. Beard's Chapel, \$2.00, Cypress Creek, \$4.00, Centre Roads \$2.00. Clarkton, \$2.00, French's Creek, \$2 50, Galeed, \$5.00, Mt. Pleasant, (Bladen Co.,) \$2.00, Salt Marsh, \$2 00. Sugg's Grove, \$1.00, St. Joseph \$1.00, White Lake, \$4.00, White Oak, \$5 00, Zion's Hill, \$2.00, Smith's Chapel, \$2.00. Total \$42.50.

The report on Foreign Missions was then read and remarks made by Revs. C. E. Beard and A. J. Bordeaux, report adopted.

An Invitation was again extended to visiting or corresponding messengers and brethren C. H. Brunson, W. B. Lamb, Francis Herring, A. Jones, J. W. Green, George Highsmith, and Jerry Highsmith responded from the Eastern Association and were made welcome to seats.

The report on Prayer Meetings was then read and remarks by Bro. Mitchel Johnson, report adopted. By motion adjourned 45 minutes.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing, "O for a closer walk with God." the report on Temperance was read and adopted. The Report on Bible Schools was read and adopted. The report on Baptist Orphanage was called for. Committee not present speeches were made by Bro<sup>s</sup>. Oliver Blackburn and Rev. D. J. Clark. Motion that the Association request the Churches to take this matter into consideration and try to raise something during the coming year for this object, speeches by Revs. D. J. Clark and Levi Bryan, motion was amended, ordering a collection for this object, amount raised, \$4.09. The report on obituaries was then read and adopted. The following were appointed corresponding messengers to the Baptist State Convention, Revs. Wm. Brunt, C. B. Fridgen, W. J. Register and R. L. Bridger. Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. W. S. Melvin.

By motion the location of the next Session was taken up. On motion the Galeed letter was taken from the table and by motion their petition for the next Session of this body was granted. On motion the time of the next session was left with the Executive Board.

The Finance committee read their report (see report.) The Treasurer made his report (see report.) Rev. Wm. Brunt was then chosen to preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. R. M. Hilburn the Missionary Sermon at the next session. The following were appointed as corresponding Messengers to Sister Associations, Eastern, Ed. Rich, and L. H. Bordeaux, Cape Fear, J. W. Callahan, Robeson, I. F. Hilburn, Columbus, A. J. Freeman and J. N. Kelly. Cedar Creek Rev. C. E. Beard, South River, Mitchel Johnson.

The Following were appointed to report at next Session viz:

Periodicals, Rev. A. J. Bordeaux, Associational Missions, Rev. Wm. Brisson, State Missions, Rev R. M. Hilburn, Home Missions, R. L. Bridger, Foreign Missions, A. S. Smith, Prayer Meetings, Vance Tatum, Temperance, F. M. Marshburn, Bible Schools, D. J. Allen, Orphanage, Rev. C. E. Beard, Ministerial Support, L. H. Bordeaux, Education, Rev. D. J. Clark, Obituaries, Rev. W. S. Melvin, Wm B. Hester and W. J. Register.

The following resolution was then offered by Rev. A. J. Bordeaux,

Resolved that the thanks of this Association be tendered to the people of this community for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained this body, adopted. On motion the clerk was allowed \$5.00 for his services. Adjourned. After which Rev. Wm. Brunt, made a few remarks on Education, Mr. C. P. Parker gave \$1.00, Brethren D. B. Melvin, \$1.00, Thos. Smith, 25cts, for Ministerial Education.

## SUNDAY MORNING.

After a short session of the Executive Board (see report of Sec.) Rev. D. J. Clark preached the Missionary Sermon, a collection was taken for Foreign Missions, amounting to \$3.55.

## REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We are moving in an era of thoughts and ideas and the printing press gives to them tongues to speak and wings to fly. We are living in an age of reading, an age in which the press hurls forth reading matter of almost every description, Unless we supply ourselves with a sound and healthy literature, and inform ourselves in matters

relative to our faith, we shall be overcome by the devil's issues and infidelity. And besides we must have wholesome literature for our children, or else the silver shod horse of despotism will trample them in the dust. And we believe it to be the duty of every Baptist to supply himself and family with at least one good Baptist paper. Therefore we heartily commend the Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children and Foreign Mission Journal, as genuine in morality, aggressive in Character and worthy the patronage of all our brethren.

Respectfully Submitted,

F. S. Everitt.

## REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The importance of Missions is not, or at least ought not to be any longer a subject for discussion among the Christian people. The plain and direct command of our Lord is, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This command makes every christian a missionary, and compels him to either preach it himself or give of his means that others may go and preach it. Nor can any christian neglect this duty without disloyalty to God and serious detriment to his own soul.

The work of missions as prosecuted by our denomination is divided into three departments; viz: State missions, Home missions and Foreign missions. The Home Mission Board is located at Atlanta, Ga., and is trying to have the Gospel preached on the New Testament plan throughout the entire South and Western States including Territories and the Northern part of Mexico and Cuba. This Board has done a great work in having the Gospel preached to the millions, converting souls, and building churches and organizing Sunday Schools. We have now 375 missionaries located in Md., D. C., Va., W. Va., N. C., S. C., Tenn., Ky., Mo., Ill., Ark., Tex., La., Miss., Ga., Ala., Fla., Okl., and the island of Cuba. Dr. Fichenor, the corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board, says that in Louisiana alone there are 21 counties representing 250,000 souls who are destitute of the Gospel. In Cuba there are 1,500,000 besides 20,000,000 in our own South land. The greater portion of which do not know God in the pardon of their sins. Dear brethren, ought we not to make greater efforts in the future than we have in the past, that those Millions may have the Glorious Gospel of the Son of God preached to them; I pray God that we may realize our duty to God and those people.

Respectfully Submitted.

A. J. Bordeaux.

## REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

While there are a great many objects in this line that need our attention in the way of Missions, we feel that we should look well to Associational Missions. In Bladen County there is much to be done much that can be done. In Bladen County we have about thirty churches with a membership of about Fifteen hundred with a proper effort this number could be doubled. There are destitute sections that need our immediate attention.

H. B. REGISTER.

## REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee report that they have no Statistics in hand to enable them to make such a report as the importance of the work de-



mands. As to the progress of this work as compared with last year we cannot speak with accuracy, yet we believe considering the general stringency in money matters our State Mission work has been prosecuted with undiminished zeal and very gratifying success; we have perhaps one hundred or more Missionaries working under the direction of our State Board of Missions. There is however a falling off in the contributions of the brethren to this work and the board is calling upon us to come to their help with a greater alacrity. Let us brethren cheer the hearts of our brethren of the board by promptly and liberally responding to their appeals.

OLIVER BLACKBURN.

## REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS.

The subject of prayer is one of great good when we see so many instances of it recorded in holy writ. We see the Apostles in all their teaching recommending the people to constant prayer, and to pray without ceasing, and our blessed Savior has promised to answer the fervent prayer of the righteous. We believe our neglect of duty on this line is one of the great causes of so much coldness and indifference among our brethren. We would therefore recommend every church in this Association to organize a weekly prayer meeting.

C. B. PRIDGEN.

## REPORT ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

The Bible is the book of books, the word of God. It is the command of the King in Zion to give the bible to the world. This should be done by Family instruction, the churches and individual effort. The disciples went everywhere preaching the Gospel. The Gospel is in the keeping of the churches, they are the schools of Christ.

LEVI BRYAN.

## REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

The Committee on Obituaries beg leave to report that since our last meeting death has removed from our midst some very faithful members from the different churches of our Association. Bro. Stanley Pridgen age 15 years a consistent member of French's Creek Church a dutiful son leading a noble life. His Christian example was worthy of imitation.

We are reminded every day that we should not neglect this preparation for the great day is coming when we will be called upon to answer to the summons.

A. J. BORDEAUX.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Amounts sent up to the Association.

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Abbottsburg.....      | 60    |
| Brown's Creek... ..   | 2 05  |
| Beard's Chapel.....   | 1 40  |
| Briar Branch.....     | 3 36  |
| Cypress Creek.....    | 1 00  |
| Centre Roads.....     | 56    |
| Clarkton.....         | 75    |
| French's Creek .....  | 3 20  |
| Galeed... ..          | 11 05 |
| Mt. Pleasant (B)..... | 80    |



|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Shady Grove.....    | 2 80  |
| Kates Chapel.....   | 3 00  |
| Suggs Grove.....    | 50    |
| Salt Marsh .....    | 2 50  |
| Smith's Chapel..... | 55    |
| White Lake.....     | 3 05  |
| White Oak.....      | 4 45  |
| Waddel's.....       | 30    |
| Zion's Hill .....   | 5 10  |
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Report of Womans' Missionary Society of  
Galeed Church.

|                                   |                              |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Chrisimas offering to Japan ..... | 4 00                         |
| Foreign Missions.....             | 4 00                         |
| Home Missions.....                | 3 22                         |
| Women and Children                | { Foreign Missions..... 6 95 |
|                                   | { Home Missions..... 5 90    |
| Expense Fund.....                 | 1 10                         |

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Respectfully,

Miss S. D. SINGLETARY.

Miss M. E. SINGLETARY,  
SEC.

PRES.

TREASURERS REPORTS.

DR.

|                                                          |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Recieved from the Finance Committee at the first Session |       |
| Nov. 1892.....                                           | 45 39 |
| Sabbath Collection.....                                  | 2 64  |
| Rec'd at Central Union.....                              | 8 35  |
| “ Bladen Union.....                                      | 5 62  |
| “ Galeed Church.....                                     | 5 13  |
| “ Bladen Union.....                                      | 1 50  |
| “ Central Union.....                                     | 4 56  |
| “ Bladen Union.....                                      | 3 80  |
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|                                                          | 76 99 |

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|-----------------------------------------|-------|
| Minute Fund.....                        | 13 18 |
| State Missions.....                     | 12 27 |
| Home Missions.....                      | 1 95  |
| Min. Education.....                     | 1 96  |
| Foreign Missions.....                   | 5 86  |
| Orphanage.....                          | 2 95  |
| Postage.....                            | 15    |
| Rev. D. J. Clark, Missionary Work.....  | 22 47 |
| Rev. W. S. Melvin, Missionary Work..... | 14 20 |
|                                         | <hr/> |
|                                         | 74 99 |
| On Hand .....                           | 2 00  |
|                                         | <hr/> |
|                                         | 76 99 |

The temperance report by Bro. D. J. Clark was of great value--a well prepared and forceful paper, but it is too long for insertion here.

### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

|                                                   |   |   |                |
|---------------------------------------------------|---|---|----------------|
| Amount collected by D. J. Clark,                  | - | - | \$ 5 00        |
| Amount paid by Board for services at Tar Heel to  |   |   |                |
| D. J. Clark,                                      |   |   | 35 00          |
| Total,                                            | - | - | <u>\$40.50</u> |
| Amount collected by W. S. Melvin,                 | - | - | 80             |
| Amount paid by Board for services at Waddell's to |   |   |                |
| W. S. Melvin,                                     | - | - | 14 20          |
| Total,                                            | - | - | <u>\$55.50</u> |

D. J. CLARK, Clerk.

Time of meeting of next session of this Association, Thursday before the second Sunday in November, 1894, at 11 o'clock A. M.

By order of the Board.

CLERK.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of the Treasurer, as received from Finance Committee, for the year 1893: State Missions, \$13.01; Home Missions, \$3.10; Foreign Missions, \$6.16; Associational, \$7.15; Orphanage, \$4.57; Minute Fund, \$14.57. Collected at Association--Orphanage, \$4.09; by Clerk--Sum collected for Foreign Missions, \$3.55 on Ministerial Education--Individuals--Mr. C. P. Parker, \$1.00; Bro. D. B. Melvin, \$1.00; Bro. Thos. Smith, 25 cents; making a total of \$58.45.

# Sunday School Statistics.

| CHURCHES.           | No. Teachers<br>and Officers. | No. Scholars. | Total. | Expenses.  | Contributions. | No. Volumes<br>in Library. | No. Quart's and<br>Papers Taken. | No. Months<br>School Open. | SUPERINTENDENTS.    | POSTOFFICE.         |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|--------|------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                     |                               |               |        |            |                |                            |                                  |                            |                     |                     |
| Abbottsburgh.....   | 9                             | 60            | 69     | 5 40 5 40  | 5 40           | 5                          | 96                               | 12                         | J. S. Cain.....     | Abbottsburgh, N. C. |
| Brown's Creek.....  | 3                             | 22            | 25     | .....      | .....          | .....                      | .....                            | 8                          | J. D. Edwards.....  | Elizabethtown, "    |
| Bethel.....         | 3                             | 25            | 28     | 1 00 1 00  | 1 00           | 12                         | .....                            | 13                         | D. J. Allen.....    | Dublin, "           |
| Beard's Chapel..... | 3                             | 40            | 43     | .....      | .....          | .....                      | .....                            | 8                          | Richard Smith.....  | Cypress Creek, "    |
| Center Roads.....   | 5                             | 43            | 48     | 1 18       | .....          | .....                      | 20                               | 13                         | T. F. Hester.....   | Guyton, "           |
| Clarkton.....       | 9                             | 45            | 54     | 2 50       | .....          | .....                      | 12                               | 13                         | G. English.....     | Clarkton, "         |
| French's Creek..... | 7                             | 123           | 130    | .....      | .....          | 12                         | 92                               | .....                      | C. B. Pridgen.....  | Kelly's, "          |
| Galeed.....         | 6                             | 78            | 84     | 6 00       | .....          | .....                      | 80                               | 12                         | F. P. Callahan..... | Bladenboro, "       |
| Mt. Pleasant (B)..  | 4                             | 35            | 39     | 3 00       | .....          | 25                         | .....                            | 12                         | W. J. Register..... | Register, "         |
| Salt Marsh.....     | 6                             | 53            | 59     | 75         | .....          | 36                         | 10                               | 12                         | J. H. Squires.....  | Nat More, "         |
| Sandy Grove.....    | 7                             | 10            | 17     | .....      | .....          | .....                      | .....                            | 12                         | I. A. Davis.....    | Bladenboro, "       |
| White Lake.....     | 4                             | 40            | 40     | .....      | .....          | .....                      | .....                            | .....                      | J. W. Russ.....     | Ham, "              |
| Waddell's.....      | 4                             | 15            | 17     | .....      | .....          | .....                      | .....                            | 4                          | James Long.....     | Elizabethtown, "    |
| Zion's Hill.....    | .....                         | .....         | .....  | .....      | .....          | .....                      | .....                            | .....                      | I. F. Hilburn.....  | Bladenboro, "       |
| Totals,             | 70                            | 629           | 650    | 19 83 6 40 | 80             | 298                        | .....                            | .....                      |                     |                     |

# Contributions for all Objects &c.

| CHURCHES.           | Pastor's Salary. | Poor. | Other Objects. | Minute Fund. | S. Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Home Missions. | Association Missions. | Education. | Orphanage. | Totals.       | Value Church Property. |
|---------------------|------------------|-------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Abbotsburg .....    | \$ 40 00         | ...   | 1 50           | 60           | 2 00         | 95                | 91             | ...                   | ...        | ...        | 45 76         | \$ 100 00              |
| Brown's Creek ..    | 38 25            | ...   | ...            | 60           | 50           | ...               | 50             | 45                    | ...        | ...        | 40 30         | ...                    |
| Bethel .....        | 30 00            | ...   | ...            | ...          | ...          | ...               | ...            | ...                   | ...        | ...        | 30 00         | ...                    |
| Briar Branch .....  | 60 00            | ...   | ...            | 70           | 50           | 1 23              | 25             | 30                    | 36         | ...        | 63 34         | ...                    |
| Beard's Chapel ..   | 60 00            | ...   | ...            | 50           | ...          | 90                | ...            | ...                   | ...        | ...        | 61 40         | ...                    |
| Cypress Creek ..    | 60 00            | ...   | ...            | 1 00         | ...          | ...               | ...            | ...                   | ...        | ...        | 61 00         | ...                    |
| Center Roads ..     | 50 00            | ...   | 2 75           | 56           | ...          | 1 58              | ...            | ...                   | ...        | ...        | 54 89         | 150 00                 |
| Clarkton .....      | 75 00            | ...   | ...            | 75           | ...          | ...               | ...            | 75                    | ...        | ...        | 76 50         | 500 00                 |
| Edwards Chapel ..   | 25 00            | ...   | 1 40           | ...          | ...          | ...               | ...            | ...                   | ...        | ...        | 26 40         | 100 00                 |
| French's Creek ..   | 100 00           | ...   | ...            | 75           | 81           | ...               | 83             | ...                   | ...        | 81         | 103 20        | ...                    |
| Gaieed .....        | 125 00           | 4 38  | 28 79          | 2 05         | 9 00         | 8 46              | 7 20           | 12 17                 | 11 53      | 7 24       | 215 82        | ...                    |
| Kate's Chapel ..    | ...              | ...   | ...            | 50           | ...          | ...               | ...            | ...                   | ...        | 2 50       | 3 00          | ...                    |
| Mt. Pleasant (B) .. | 45 00            | ...   | 14 20          | 80           | ...          | ...               | ...            | 3 71                  | ...        | ...        | 63 71         | ...                    |
| Shady Grove .....   | ...              | ...   | ...            | 1 45         | ...          | 1 35              | ...            | ...                   | ...        | ...        | 2 80          | ...                    |
| Salt Marsh .....    | 60 00            | 2 00  | ...            | 50           | 1 02         | ...               | 1 00           | ...                   | ...        | ...        | 64 50         | 150 00                 |
| Sugg's Grove .....  | ...              | ...   | ...            | 50           | ...          | ...               | ...            | ...                   | ...        | ...        | 50            | ...                    |
| Sandy Grove .....   | 30 00            | ...   | ...            | ...          | ...          | ...               | ...            | ...                   | ...        | ...        | 30 00         | ...                    |
| St. Joseph .....    | 20 75            | ...   | 1 40           | ...          | ...          | ...               | ...            | 1 00                  | ...        | ...        | 23 15         | 400 00                 |
| White Lake .....    | ...              | ...   | ...            | 45           | 1 20         | 50                | ...            | ...                   | ...        | 90         | 3 05          | ...                    |
| White Oak .....     | ...              | ...   | ...            | 1 50         | ...          | ...               | ...            | 2 95                  | ...        | ...        | 4 45          | ...                    |
| Waddell's .....     | ...              | ...   | ...            | 30           | ...          | ...               | ...            | ...                   | ...        | ...        | 30            | ...                    |
| Zion's Hill .....   | ...              | ...   | ...            | 55           | ...          | 3 51              | 6 02           | 1 04                  | ...        | ...        | 59 12         | ...                    |
| Smith's Chapel ..   | 48 00            | ...   | ...            | 55           | ...          | ...               | ...            | ...                   | ...        | ...        | 55            | ...                    |
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| Abbottsburgh....  | 62          | 3rd Sunday.....            | D. C. Britz,     | Lumberton,       | G. W. Smith,     | Abbottsburgh, N. C. |
| Brown's Creek.... | 70          | 3rd Sunday.....            | Wm. Brunt,       | Winnie,          | W. B. Hester,    | Elizabethtown,      |
| Bethel.....       | 76          | 2nd Sunday and day before. | A. H. Porter,    | Orron,           | C. S. King,      | Moscow,             |
| Briar Branch..... | 114         | 2nd " " " "                | C. E. Beard,     | Ellis,           | C. S. Long,      | " "                 |
| Beard's Chapel..  | 37          | 3rd " " " "                | C. E. Beard,     | Ellis,           | Richard Smith,   | " "                 |
| Cypress Creek.... | 93          | 4th " " " "                | W. S. Melvin,    | Winnie,          | L. H. Cain,      | " "                 |
| Center Roads....  | 69          | 2nd Sunday.                | Wm. Brisson,     | Guyton.          | M. Paiz,         | " "                 |
| Clarkton.....     | 41          | 1st Sunday and day before. | R. M. Hilburn,   | Bladenboro,      | J. W. Hester,    | Brompton            |
| Edward's Chapel   | 25          | 1st Sunday.                | D. J. Clark,     | Register,        | J. H. Watson.    | Clarkton,           |
| French's Creek... | 186         | 3rd Sunday and day before. | M. C. Walton,    | Wilmington,      | E. W. Moore,     | Council's Station   |
| Galed.....        | 161         | 1st Sunday.                | I. P. Hedgpeph,  | Orrum,           | T. J. Freeman,   | Kelly's,            |
| Kate's Chapel.... | 31          | 1st " " " "                | W. S. Melvin,    | Winnie,          | Robert Lee,      | Bladenboro,         |
| Mt Pleasant (B).. | 83          | 2nd Sunday and day before. | C. E. Beard,     | Ellis,           | T. J. Kemp,      | Lit. Sugar Loaf,    |
| Shady Grove....   | 61          | " " " " " "                | Wm. Brunt,       | Winnie,          | Z. G. Thompson,  | Register,           |
| Salt Marsh.....   | 60          | 4th Sunday and day before. | R. M. Hilburn,   | Bladenboro,      | R. T. Brown,     | Abbottsburgh,       |
| Sugg's Grove....  | 30          | 3rd " " " "                | W. S. Melvin,    | Winnie,          | D. E. Melvin,    | Nat Moore,          |
| Sandy Grove....   | 117         | 1st " " " "                | G. C. Cain,      | Orron,           | R. L. Guyton,    | Ellis,              |
| St. Joseph.....   | 21          | " " " " " "                | W. S. Melvin,    | Winnie,          | W. F. Melvin,    | Bladenboro,         |
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| White Oak.....    | 197         | 4th Sunday and day before. | Wm. Brunt,       | Winnie,          | D. M. Melvin,    | Ham,                |
| Waddell's.....    | 34          | 3rd " " " "                | W. S. Melvin,    | Winnie,          | W. P. Smith,     | Winnie,             |
| Zion's Hill.....  | ....        | " " " " " "                | R. M. Hilburn,   | Bladenboro,      | A. A. Hilburn,   | Elizabethtown,      |
| Smith's Chapel..  | 105         | 3rd Sunday and day before. | R. C. Sanderlin, | Harrell's Store, | Wiley Cain,      | Garland,            |
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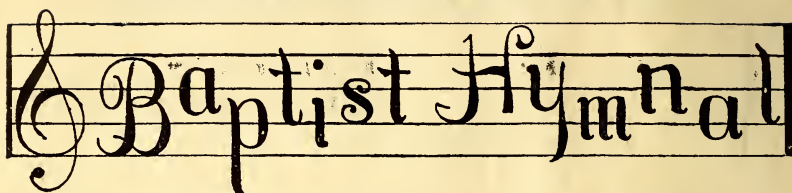
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# PROCEEDINGS.

GALEED CHURCH, BLADEN COUNTY, N. C., }  
November 8, 1894. }

The Bladen County Baptist Association met in its third session with this church. The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. R. L. Byrd, from Hebrews 12:1; at the close of which an intermission of forty minutes was given. The Association was called together by singing. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. S. Melvin; prayer by Rev. C. E. Beard. The Association then proceeded to business. In the absence of the Clerk, F. S. Averitt was appointed Clerk pro. tem.

Brethren Owen Register, G. W. Jones and A. E. Pate were appointed a Committee of Finance, and brethren F. D. McLean and W. R. Davis, Jr., Reading Clerks. Letters were then called for, read and names of delegates enrolled as follows :

BROWN'S CREEK—By Letter.

ABB OTTSBURG—C. G. Averitt, J. L. Hall.

BETHEL—D. J. Allen, J. A. Britt, J. W. King.

CLARKTON—G. W. Hester, J. I. Hester, N. E. Hester.

BRIER BRANCH—H. W. Cain, L. P. Tatom, A. Smith.

CENTRE ROAD—L. T. Hester, Chas Pate, R. Cheshire.

CYPRESS CREEK—G. W. Smith, J. S. Smith, Chas. Smith.

FRENCH'S CREEK—A. W. Croom, J. D. Pridgen.

KATES' CHAPEL—Not represented.

GALEED—Monroe Singletary, F. S. Averitt, A. E. Pate.

SHADY GROVE—J. T. Thompson, T. R. Thompson.

MT. PLEASANT (B)—S. H. Hilburn.

SUGG'S GROVE—By letter.

SALT MARSH—J. M. Brown, R. Squires, R. M. Squires.

SANDY GROVE—A. Z. Davis, W. T. Pate, E. Storm.

WHITE LAKE—H. L. Peterson, R. H. Marshburn.

WADDELL'S—W. P. Smith, James Long.



ZION HILL—A. Edwards, D. H. Pate, A. J. Freeman.

ST. JOSEPH—Not represented.

EDWARDS CHAPEL—I. A. Register.

SMITH'S CHAPEL—Not Represented.

BEARD'S CHAPEL—J. T. Long, J. J. Norris, R. Robinson.

WHITE OAK—Owen Register. D. L. Melvin.

MT. PLEASANT (S)—Not represented.

HICKORY GROVE—W. R. Davis, Sr., G. W. Jones, J. W.

Singletary.

PARADISE—By letter.

CAPE FEAR—James Downing, R. Tatom, M. P. Cain.

The Association then proceeded to re organize by re-electing Elder William Brunt, Moderator; F. S. Averitt, Clerk; C. B. Pridgen, Treasurer.

An invitation to visiting brethren was then extended, when Rev. R. L. Byrd, J. K. Singletary and J. R. Nance from the Robeson Association, and B. S. Peterson, Agent for the NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST, responded, and were welcomed to seats.

An invitation was extended to churches desiring to unite with this body, and a letter from Hickory Grove Church was read, with a letter of dismissal from the Cape Fear Association, which was duly received. The Pastor and Deacons of the church were appointed a committee on Religious Exercises during the session.

### **REPORT ON PERIODICALS.**

The members of our churches ought to keep well posted as to their faith and order; and by all means keep good religious literature in their houses for the benefit of their children. Besides this, they should keep well posted as to what our denomination is doing at home and in the foreign fields, and to do this, we recommend that the head of every Baptist family subscribe for the "Biblical Recorder," and the NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST. "Charity and Children," and the "Foreign Mission Journal," are also worthy of patronage.

A. J. BORDEAUX.

Remarks by Rev. C. E. Beard, Bro. B. S. Peterson, and the Moderator. Report adopted.

The Association then adjourned to meet at 9:30 A. M. to-morrow. Prayer by Rev. R. M. Hilburn.

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### *SECOND DAY—Morning Session.*

After devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. C. E. Beard, the Association was called to order. List of churches called; minutes of yesterday read and approved; letters called for, and several were handed in and read. The Report on Associatioaal Missions was also read.

#### *REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.*

While there are a great many objects in this line that need our attention in the way of Missions, we should feel duty bound to look well to Associational Missions. When we search the records of 1893, we find that there is a falling off in the contributions for this object. In Bladen county there is much that we can do. Then let us arise in the full strength of our Christian manhood and labor zealously as individuals and churches to bring Bladen county under the power and supremacy of the Apostolic faith, and pray that God may own and crown all our efforts.

Respectfully submitted.

Remarks by Revs. C. E. Beard, William Brisson, and the Moderator. Report adopted.

#### *REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.*

The command, "Go ye and teach a'l nations," to the Apostles is still a command to all of God's people, and we should so feel it, and do all we can to spread the gospel in foreign lands. Let the great progress that is being made in foreign fields inspire and encourage us to a greater activity and more liberal contributions for that work.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Remarks were made by Revs. C. E. Beard and D. H. Hilburn.

Pledges were made as follows :

|                    |         |                     |         |
|--------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| Abbottsburg, - -   | \$ 2 00 | Shady Grove, - -    | \$ 2 00 |
| Bethel, - - -      | 1 00    | Mt. Pleasant, (B) - | 3 00    |
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| French's Creek, -  | 2 50    | White Oak, - -      | 5 00    |
| Galeed, - - -      | 10 00   | Zion Hill, - -      | 2 00    |

Report adopted. The Association was then called off for forty-five minutes.

### *SECOND DAY—Morning Session.*

The Association was called together by singing. Letters were called for, and White Oak and Sandy Grove respond, and the letters were read.

Cape Fear, a newly constituted church, petitioned for admittance into this Association and was duly received.

The Committee on Religious Exercises submitted the following report :

Rev. C. E. Beard to preach at the Stand at 2.00 P. M., Rev. W. S. Melvin to preach at Bladenboro to-night at 7.00 o'clock, Rev. C. E. Beard to preach at Yorkville to-night at 7.00 o'clock. Report adopted.

### *REPORT ON PRAYER-MEETINGS.*

Dear Brethren: Your Committee on Prayer-Meetings feel constrained to urge upon our churches the necessity of this important work. Since prayer is the medium through which all our spiritual blessings come, let us be diligent and live continually in prayer, that we may grow in grace, the spirit and likeness of our Master.

Respectfully submitted,

VANCE TATOM.

Remarks by A. J. Freeman, A. S. Smith, and Rev. William Brisson. Report adopted.

Rev. I. P. Hedgepeth and W. W. Nye, from Robeson Association, were welcomed to seats.

### *REPORT ON OBITUARIES.*

Your Committee on Obituaries report as follows :

We find, through church letters and other ways, that during this Associational year God has seen fit in his alwise judgment to remove from among us by death nineteen persons.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Report adopted.

### *REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE.*

On motion the location of the next session of the Association was taken up and given to White Oak Church, Bladen county, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the Second Sunday in November, 1895, Rev. D. H. Hilburn to preach the Introductory sermon, and Rev. I. P. Hedgepeth to preach the Missionary sermon; Elder William Brunt Alternate.

A petitionary letter from Paradise Church, with a letter of dismission from the Cape Fear Association was read, and the church du'y received

Corresponding Messengers to sister associations were appointed as follows :

To Eastern, A. J. Bordeaux; Cape Fear, G. W. Jones and W. R. Davis, Sr.; Robeson, D. J. Clark; Columbus, F. S. Averitt; Cedar Creek, W. S. Melvin; South River, A. S. Smith.

To Baptist State Convention : W. J. Register, H. C. Pridgen and F. D. McLean.

To Southern Baptist Convention : Elder William Brunt and R. L. Pridgen.

On motion the churches be requested to take collections to pay Elder William Brunt's fare to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The following were appointed to report at next session, viz : Periodicals, F. D. McLean; Associational Missions, I. A. Register;



State Missions, Owen Register; Home Missions, S. H. Hilburn; Foreign Missions, G. W. Jones; Prayer Meetings, J. T. Thompson; Temperance, A. J. Freeman; Bible Schools, J. W. Singletary; Orphanage, C. C. Everitt; Ministerial Support, C. G. Averitt; Education, James White; Colportage, D. J. Clark; Obituaries, W. R. Davis, D. H. Hilburn and Leslie Melvin.

In the absence of a report on Temperance, the subject was taken up and discussed by C. E. Beard, W. W. Nye, D. H. Hilburn, Owen Register, A. J. Freeman, A. S. Smith, J. W. Singletary, D. J. Clark and I. P. Hedgepeth.

The Association then adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow. Benediction by Rev. I. P. Hedgepeth.

### *THIRD DAY- Morning Session.*

After Devotional Exercises, conducted by Rev. R. L. Byrd, an invitation was extended to visitors. Dr. C. Durham, J. C. Caddell, J. H. Mills and Prof. John Duckett responded and were welcomed to seats.

### *REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.*

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." There is danger that the importance of State Missions may be overlooked, and while we should be fully impressed with the great obligation to carry out this imperative command, we should not be unmindful of the injunction: Beginning at Jerusalem, considering the fact that if the Home Field is neglected, the Foreign must necessarily suffer. For more than a hundred years the Baptists have been engaged in State Missions. This year there are 92 Missionaries, who are laboring in over three hundred destitute sections of the State.

R. M. HILBURN.

Dr. C. Durham spoke to the report.

The list of churches was then called, and pledges taken for State Missions, as follows:

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Brown's Creek, . . . \$ 2 00 | Suggs' Grove, . . . \$ 1 00 |
| Abbottsburg, . . . 2 00      | Salt Marsh, . . . 2 00      |
| Bethel, . . . 2 00           | Sandy Grove, . . . 1 00     |
| Brier Branch, . . . 1 00     | White Lake, . . . 3 00      |
| Cypress Creek, . . . 2 00    | Zion's Hill, . . . 1 00     |
| Centre Road, . . . 2 00      | St. Joseph, . . . 2 00      |
| Clarkton, . . . 1 00         | Edwards Chapel, . . . 2 00  |
| French's Creek, . . . 5 00   | Beard's Chapel, . . . 1 00  |
| Kate's Chapel, . . . 1 00    | White Oak, . . . 5 00       |
| Galeed, . . . 10 00          | Hickory Grove, . . . 2 00   |
| Shady Grove, . . . 2 00      | Cape Fear, . . . 1 00       |
| Mt. Pleasant, (B) . . . 2 00 |                             |
| Total, . . . . .             | \$53 00.                    |

A cash collection was then taken for the same object, amounting to \$7.12. Report adopted. Elder H. Lennon, from the Columbus Association, was welcomed to a seat.

### REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following: We are happy to know that the time has come when the orphans are cared for, and that the Baptists of our State have provided for their care and education. With this glorious privilege, as well as duty, let every Christian brother and sister contribute to their support, knowing that, we ourselves are orphans and that God cared for us.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. BEARD.

On motion, the Association repair to the stand to hear Bro. J. H. Mills on the Orphanage, after which a collection was taken for the orphanage at Thomasville, amounting to \$12 75.

The Association called off for one hour.

### THIRD DAY—Evening Session.

After singing, the report on the Orphanage was adopted. Bro. J. C. Cadell then spoke in the interest of the *Biblical Recorder*, and Prof. John Duckett, in the interest of the Robeson Institute. The Report on Education read.

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Wisdom is power and life without knowledge is worse than death. And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.—Ephesians 6:4.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. CLARK, for Committee.

Report adopted.

The Committee on Religious Exercises submitted the following report, which was adopted: Rev. W. S. Melvin, to preach at Yorkville to-night, and Rev. I. P. Hedgepeth at Bladenboro.

Sunday School mass meeting to morrow morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by Elder H. Lennon. Dr. C. Durham to preach the Missionary sermon at 11 o'clock. On motion, Art. nine of the Constitution was changed so as to read as follows:

Art. 9. The Association shall appoint six members to constitute the Executive Board. Three to meet with the Central Union, and three to meet with the Bladen Union, whose duty shall be to superintend Associational Missions and other matters entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects between the sessions of this body. The members of this board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association. Two of each three will constitute a quorum.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report:

Your committee have received in cash, from the several churches the following amounts, including cash collections, for the different objects named.

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Foreign Missions, . . . . .     | \$ 25 36 |
| Home Missions, . . . . .        | 16 34    |
| State Missions . . . . .        | 29 41    |
| Association Missions, . . . . . | 3 13     |
| Baptist Orphanage, . . . . .    | 18 39    |
| Education, . . . . .            | 45       |
| Minute funds, . . . . .         | 13 96    |
|                                 | <hr/>    |
| Total, . . . . .                | \$107 04 |

Respectfully submitted,

OWEN REGISTER.

A. E PAIT.

G. W. JONES.

The following named brethren were appointed as Executive Committee.

To meet with Central Union: S. H. Hilburn, C. G. Averitt, J. N. Singletary.

To meet with Bladen Union: Owen Register, D. M. Melvin, A. S. Smith.

On motion, the Central Union programme be adopted by this Association. (See programme)

#### *REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.*

Paid to Rev. W. S. Melvin for 14 days' services at Waddell's, . . . . . \$ 21 00

Paid to H. B. Register for balance due on Minute fund and expenses, . . . . . 1 45

Ordered, that we ask the State Board to help St. Joseph and Edward's Chapel churches \$15 00 each.

Ordered, that we send Rev. W. S. Melvin to supply Waddell's church, for the next three months, at \$1 50 per day.

REV. W. S. MELVIN, Chairman.

J. A. REGISTER, Sec'y.

Nov. 10, 1894.

On motion, report received.



## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1894.

## RECEIVED.

|                                       |                 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| To balance on hand,                   | \$ 12 25.       |
| November 8th,                         | 1 15.           |
| November 10th from Finance Committee, | 107 04.         |
| Total,                                | <hr/> \$120 44. |

## PAID OUT.

|                                                     |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| November 9th to Rev. W. S. Melvin,                  | \$ 5 68.        |
| November 9th to H. B. Register, balance on Minutes, | 1 45.           |
| November 10th to balance on hand,                   | 113 31.         |
| Total,                                              | <hr/> \$120 44. |

Report received.

On motion, the Treasurer was ordered to pay the Clerk \$5 00 for his services out of the Associational funds in the Treasury. The Treasurer was ordered to pay over the Minute Funds to the Clerk, and the Clerk to have as many Minutes printed as the funds will justify.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That a vote of thanks is hereby tendered to the Galeed church and friends of the community for their kind and generous hospitality shown to the delegates and friends of the Bladen Association during its session.

Minutes of yesterday and to-day read and adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned.

BWM. RUNT, Moderator.

F. S. AVERITT, Clerk.

*SUNDAY—Morning Session.*

Sunday School Mass meeting, conducted by Rev. I. P. Hedgepeth, remarks by Brethren J. A. Register, O. Register and Rev. C. E. Beard; preaching by Dr. C. Durham—text John 1:14, after which a collection was taken for State Missions, amounting to \$8 60. Thus closed a pleasant session of the Bladen County Association.

F. S. AVERITT, Clerk.

| CHURCHES.            |                                    | PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES.        |    | CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES. |    | Baptized. | Restored. | Rec'd by Lette | Dismissed. | Excluded. | Died. | Males. | Females. | Total for 1893. | Total for 1894. | Education. | State Missions. | Associational Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Home Missions. | Orphanage. | Minute Fund. | Ministers' Aid Fund. | Other Objects. | Pastor's Salary. | Church Repairs. | Value Church Property. | Grand Total.                 | TIME OF PREACHING.           |                              |     |                              |     |                |                |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----|-------------------------|----|-----------|-----------|----------------|------------|-----------|-------|--------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|-----|----------------|----------------|
| Brown's Creek...     | William Brunt, Winnie.....         | W. B. Hester, E Town.....       | 1  | ..                      | .. | 1         | ..        | ..             | 29         | 40        | 69    | 69     | ..       | ..              | ..              | ..         | 30              | ..                      | ..                | ..             | ..         | 10           | ..                   | ..             | ..               | ..              | 40                     | 3rd Sunday and day before .. | ..                           |                              |     |                              |     |                |                |
| Abbottsbu            | g .....                            | G. W. Smith, Abbottsbu          | 11 | 3                       | 6  | 1         | 2         | ..             | 34         | 46        | 62    | 80     | 153      | 1               | 61              | 2          | 65              | 2                       | 10                | 96             | ..         | 40           | ..                   | 3              | 25               | 50              | 00                     | 100                          | 00                           | 161                          | 90  | Saturday before 3rd Sunday.. |     |                |                |
| Bethel.....          | G. C. Cains, Orton .....           | C. W. King, Moscow .....        | 3  | ..                      | 1  | 1         | ..        | 1              | 30         | 47        | ..    | 77     | ..       | 1               | 00              | ..         | ..              | ..                      | ..                | ..             | ..         | ..           | 2                    | 40             | 40               | 20              | 75                     | 00                           | 118                          | 40                           | ..  |                              |     |                |                |
| Brier Branch....     | C. E. Beard, Winnie .....          | C. L. Long, Ammon .....         | 10 | 3                       | .. | 30        | 2         | 4              | 28         | 31        | 95    | 59     | ..       | ..              | 35              | 1          | 14              | ..                      | 25                | 50             | ..         | ..           | 60                   | 00             | 100              | 00              | 184                    | 00                           | 3rd Sunday and day before .. |                              |     |                              |     |                |                |
| Cypress Creek ...    | W. S. Melvin, " .....              | L. H. Cain, Cypress Creek ..... | 3  | 1                       | .. | ..        | ..        | ..             | 33         | 64        | ..    | 97     | ..       | 4               | 00              | ..         | ..              | ..                      | ..                | ..             | 1          | 00           | ..                   | ..             | ..               | 400             | 00                     | 405                          | 00                           | 4th " " " " ..               |     |                              |     |                |                |
| Centre Road....      | William Brisson, Guyton .....      | M. Pate, Brompton .....         | 4  | ..                      | .. | 2         | 2         | ..             | 39         | 36        | 71    | 75     | ..       | 2               | 00              | ..         | 1               | 25                      | ..                | ..             | 73         | ..           | ..                   | 34             | 00               | 1               | 50                     | 300                          | 00                           | 328                          | 48  | 2nd " " " " ..               |     |                |                |
| Clarkton.....        | M. A. Stevens, Lumberton .....     | J. W. Hester, Clarkton .....    | .. | ..                      | .. | 3         | 1         | 1              | 26         | 22        | ..    | 48     | ..       | ..              | 1               | 58         | ..              | ..                      | ..                | ..             | 65         | ..           | ..                   | ..             | ..               | ..              | 2                      | 23                           | 2nd " " night ..             |                              |     |                              |     |                |                |
| French's Creek...    | William Brunt, Winnie.....         | E. W. Moore, Kelly's .....      | .. | ..                      | .. | 4         | 2         | ..             | 56         | 96        | ..    | 152    | ..       | ..              | ..              | 1          | 20              | ..                      | ..                | ..             | 1          | 50           | ..                   | 12             | 00               | 100             | 00                     | 117                          | 20                           | 1st Sunday and day before... |     |                              |     |                |                |
| Galeed .....         | I. P. Hedgepeth, Orrum .....       | T. J. Freeman, Bladenboro ..... | .. | ..                      | .. | 1         | 4         | 4              | 59         | 95        | 162   | 155    | 525      | ..              | 92              | 14         | 36              | 20                      | 73                | 10             | 50         | 8            | 12                   | 1              | 60               | 5               | 65                     | 14                           | 82                           | 125                          | 00  | 220                          | 98  | 1st " " " " .. |                |
| Shady Grove....      | William Brunt, Winnie.....         | Z. G. Thompson, Abbottsbu       | 5  | 2                       | 1  | 2         | ..        | 1              | 30         | 54        | ..    | 89     | ..       | ..              | ..              | ..         | ..              | 1                       | 63                | ..             | 1          | 00           | ..                   | ..             | ..               | 1000            | 00                     | 1002                         | 63                           | 2nd " " " " ..               |     |                              |     |                |                |
| Mt. Pleasant (B).    | C. E. Beard, " .....               | S. H. Hilburn, Register.....    | .. | ..                      | .. | 1         | 2         | 1              | 8          | 1         | 28    | 48     | 83       | 76              | ..              | 2          | 00              | ..                      | ..                | ..             | 1          | 00           | ..                   | 40             | 8                | 85              | 53                     | 40                           | 13                           | 60                           | 500 | 00                           | 567 | 00             | 2nd " " " " .. |
| Suggs' Grove....     | W. S. Melvin, " .....              | W. O. Quinn, Ellis.....         | 3  | ..                      | .. | 1         | ..        | ..             | 9          | 17        | ..    | 26     | ..       | ..              | ..              | ..         | ..              | ..                      | ..                | ..             | 88         | ..           | ..                   | ..             | ..               | ..              | 88                     | ..                           | ..                           | ..                           | ..  | ..                           | ..  | ..             |                |
| Salt Marsh.....      | R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro.....     | L. E. Squires, Nat Moore.....   | 1  | ..                      | .. | 7         | ..        | ..             | 25         | 29        | 61    | 56     | ..       | 2               | 00              | ..         | ..              | ..                      | ..                | ..             | 35         | ..           | ..                   | 60             | 00               | 150             | 00                     | 212                          | 85                           | 4th Sunday .....             |     |                              |     |                |                |
| Sandy Grove....      | G. C. Cains, Orton .....           | A. Z. Davis, Bladenboro .....   | 2  | 1                       | .. | 9         | 1         | ..             | 44         | 60        | 116   | 104    | ..       | ..              | ..              | ..         | ..              | ..                      | ..                | ..             | ..         | ..           | ..                   | 54             | 00               | 15              | 00                     | 69                           | 00                           | 1st Sunday and day before... |     |                              |     |                |                |
| White Lake.....      | R. C. Sandling, Harrell's Store .. | R. H. Marshburn, Hocut.....     | .. | ..                      | .. | 2         | 2         | ..             | 50         | 15        | 135   | 131    | ..       | 1               | 00              | ..         | ..              | ..                      | ..                | ..             | ..         | ..           | ..                   | 100            | 00               | 500             | 00                     | 604                          | 20                           | 4th Saturday .....           |     |                              |     |                |                |
| Waddell's .....      | W. S. Melvin, Winnie.....          | W. T. Smith, Elizabethown....   | 1  | ..                      | .. | 1         | ..        | ..             | 12         | 12        | ..    | 25     | ..       | ..              | ..              | 20         | ..              | ..                      | ..                | ..             | ..         | ..           | ..                   | ..             | ..               | ..              | 20                     | ..                           | 3rd Sunday .....             |                              |     |                              |     |                |                |
| Zion's Hill.....     | R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro.....     | A. A. Hilburn, Richardson.....  | .. | ..                      | .. | 4         | 1         | 2              | 27         | 30        | ..    | 57     | 8        | 7               | 29              | 63         | 16              | ..                      | ..                | ..             | 50         | ..           | 3                    | 63             | ..               | ..              | 6                      | 30                           | 2nd Sunday and day before..  |                              |     |                              |     |                |                |
| Edwards Chapel ..... | ..                                 | ..                              | .. | ..                      | .. | 4         | ..        | 1              | 7          | 14        | ..    | 21     | ..       | ..              | ..              | ..         | ..              | ..                      | ..                | ..             | 50         | ..           | ..                   | 25             | 00               | ..              | ..                     | 25                           | 50                           | ..                           |     |                              |     |                |                |
| Beard's Chapel ..    | R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro .....    | R. Smith, Cypress Creek .....   | 8  | 1                       | 1  | ..        | ..        | ..             | 26         | 30        | 46    | 56     | ..       | 54              | ..              | ..         | ..              | ..                      | ..                | ..             | ..         | ..           | ..                   | 60             | 00               | 100             | 00                     | 160                          | 54                           | 1st Sunday and day before... |     |                              |     |                |                |
| White Oak.....       | William Brunt, Winnie.....         | D. M. Melvin, Winnie.....       | 13 | 3                       | 2  | 7         | 1         | 2              | 76         | 119       | 187   | 195    | ..       | 0               | 36              | ..         | ..              | ..                      | ..                | ..             | 1          | 50           | ..                   | 6              | 15               | ..              | ..                     | 160                          | 01                           | 4th " " " " ..               |     |                              |     |                |                |
| Hickory Grove ..     | J. G. Fisher, Roslin.....          | G. F. Allen, Brompton .....     | 5  | ..                      | 12 | 7         | 3         | 3              | 66         | 118       | ..    | 184    | ..       | ..              | ..              | ..         | ..              | ..                      | ..                | ..             | 70         | ..           | 21                   | 20             | 100              | 00              | 121                    | 90                           | 4th " " " " ..               |                              |     |                              |     |                |                |
| Paradise .....       | N. A. Callihan, White Hall .....   | ..                              | .. | ..                      | 5  | 3         | 1         | 1              | 18         | 30        | ..    | 48     | ..       | ..              | ..              | ..         | ..              | ..                      | ..                | ..             | ..         | ..           | ..                   | 10             | 22               | 50              | ..                     | 10                           | 72                           | 1st " " " " ..               |     |                              |     |                |                |
| Cape Fear .....      | C. E. Beard, Winnie .....          | B. A. Downing, E. Town .....    | 4  | ..                      | 3  | ..        | ..        | ..             | 13         | 16        | ..    | 29     | ..       | ..              | ..              | ..         | ..              | ..                      | ..                | ..             | 25         | ..           | ..                   | ..             | ..               | ..              | 1                      | 50                           | 3rd " " " " ..               |                              |     |                              |     |                |                |
|                      |                                    |                                 | 73 | 16                      | 41 | 79        | 39        | 18             | 765        | 1080      | 1087  | 1909   | \$81     | ..              | 99              | \$27.05    | \$13.25         | \$9.37                  | \$13.16           | \$6.05         | \$72.30    | \$871.82     | \$15.60              | \$3240.00      | \$5227.92        |                 |                        |                              |                              |                              |     |                              |     |                |                |



# MINUTES

—OF THE—

## FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

### BLADEN COUNTY

## BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH THE—

Church at White Oak,

BLADEN COUNTY, N. C.,

November 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th, 1895.

#### OFFICERS:

ELDER WILLIAM BRUNT, MODERATOR,.....Winnie, N. C.  
F. S. AVERITT, CLERK,.....Abbottsburg, N. C.  
C. B. PRIDGEN, TREASURER,.....Kelly's, N. C.

#### NEXT MEETING:

With Hickory Grove Church, commencing November 4th, 1896.

THE SAMPSON DEMOCRAT,  
Clinton, N. C.



## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| BRUNT, WILLIAM.....   | Winnie, N. C.    |
| BRYAN, LEVI.....      | Cypress Creek, " |
| BEARD, C. E.....      | Winnie, "        |
| BORDEAUX, A. J.....   | Kelly's, "       |
| BRISSON, WILLIAM..... | Guyton, "        |
| CLARK, D. J.....      | Register, "      |
| CARTER, HENRY.....    | Garland, "       |
| FREEMAN, A. J.....    | Bladenboro, "    |
| HILBURN, R. M.....    | Bladenboro, "    |
| HILBURN, D. H.....    | Bladenboro, "    |
| HESTER, S.....        | Bladenboro, "    |
| JOHNSON, J. A.....    | Elizabethtown, " |
| MELVIN, W. S.....     | Winnie, "        |

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD.

(To meet with Central Union)

S. H. HILBURN,    C. G. AVERITT,    J. N. SINGLETARY.

(To meet with Bladen Union)

D. M. MELVIN,    W. H. BUTLER,    C. C. EVERITT.

# PROCEEDINGS.

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WHITE OAK CHURCH, BLADEN COUNTY, N. C.,

November 7th, 1895.

The Bladen County Baptist Association met in its Fourth session with this church.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. William Brisson from the 119th Psalm and 59th verse. A recess of 30 minutes was then given for refreshments. The Association then assembled in the house.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. R. L. Byrd. The Moderator then called the Association to order.

Brethren G. W. Jones, Owen Register and J. A. Johnson were appointed a Committee on Finance, and Revs. R. L. Byrd, D. J. Clark and Bro. O. Blackburn, Reading Clerks.

List of churches called and majority represented.

Letters were then called for, read and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

*Brown's Creek*—Rev. J. A. Johnson, C. R. Hester and G. F. Melvin.

*Abbottsburg*—J. R. Bradshaw, C. G. Averitt and A. L. Cashwell.

*Bethel*—J. W. King, D. J. Allen and J. B. Taylor.

*Clarkton*—Not represented.

*Brier Branch*—D. C. Shaw, C. L. Long, J. W. Downing.

*Centre Road*—I. H. Brisson, E. N. Pait and E. Kinlaw.

*Cypress Creek*—M. McK. Smith.

*Frenches Creek*—C. B. Pridgen, E. W. Moore and J. H. Porter.

*Kates Chapel*—Not represented.

*Galeed*—A. E. Pait, J. W. Callihan and F. S. Averitt.

*Mt. Pleasant* (b)—By letter.

*Shady Grove*—J. T. Thompson and W. J. Birks.

*Suggs Grove*—R. Suggs, D. Dew and W. Suggs.

*Salt Marsh*—J. H. Squires, M. P. Peterson and H. H. Williams.

*Sandy Grove*—E. Slorm, J. D. Dove and A. Z. Davis.

*White Lake*—By letter.

*Waddell's*—Not represented.

- Zion Hill*—I. F. Hilburn, S. Hester and A. J. Freeman.  
*St. Joseph*—D. M. Clark, W. F. Melvin and L. Blackwell.  
*Edwards Chapel*—By letter.  
*Smith's Chapel*—Ned Rich, Bunion Cain and G. Cain.  
*Beards Chapel*—A. Noris, C. B. Smith and J. J. Noris.  
*White Oak*—D. B. Melvin, D. S. Tatum and D. R. Cain.  
*Mt. Pleasant* (s)—Not represented.  
*Hickory Grove*—G. W. Jones, G. F. Allen and D. M. Singletary.  
*Paradise*—J. F. Perry, W. A. Watson and T. W. Calhahan.  
*Cape Fear*—M. P. Cain, B. A. Downing and T. Long.  
*Yates Chapel*—H. W. Cain, R. P. Tatum and A. L. Tatum.  
*Corinth*—By letter.  
*Love's Grove*—D. C. Singletary, W. Monroe and G. W. Monroe.  
*Thumb Swamp*—W. J. Smith and T. R. Robinson.  
*Peters Creek*—A. Simmons, H. Melvin and J. D. Tatum.  
*Shiloh*—W. I. Walder, J. W. Bullard and M. D. Averitt.

The Association then proceeded to reorganize by re-electing Elder William Brunt, Moderator; F. S. Averitt, Clerk; C. B. Pridgen, Treasurer.

An invitation was extended to churches desiring to unite with this body. Yates Chapel and Thumb Swamp, newly constituted churches, responded and were duly received. Corinth and Love's Grove churches responded with letters of dismission from the Cedar Creek Association, which were read, the churches duly received and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

An invitation to visiting brethren was extened. Brethren B. S. Peterson, of the N. C. Baptist, Oliver Blackburn and F. F. Newton, of the Eastern Association, Rev. N. A. Calhahan, of the Brunswick Association, and Rev. E. C. Melton, of the Cedar Creek Association, responded and were welcomed to seats.

Rev. D. J. Clark read the

## REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Thus it is written and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day, that repentance and remission of sins should be preached among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. This is our blessed Saviour's own way of having his own gospel preached—at home first, then abroad; and this is our best way to promote foreign mis-

sions, for as our home missions progress or digress, so will our foreign missions. We must first cast the beam out of our own eye then shall we see clearly to pull it from our brother's eye. This work demands our attention always first, not only in the country, but more especially in our large cities where thousands immigrate yearly whose views of religion are antagonistic to the Christian religion. Our last missionary year closed with 38 missionaries and with a total addition of membership 8,509 and with an indebtedness of \$6,500.00. Let us pray God that when we hear the report for this year, that the indebtedness will have been paid and a greater number of souls converted.

Respectfully submitted, S. H. HILBURN.

Pending a motion for adoption, remarks were made by Brethren B. S. Peterson, Oliver Blackburn, F. F. Newton, A. J. Freeman, Revs. L. Bryan, E. C. Melton and D. J. Clark.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m. to-morrow. Prayer by Rev. N. A. Callihan.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at 9:30 a. m. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. G. Fisher.

The Moderator then called the Association to order. The proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

The deacons of this church were appointed a committee on religious exercises during the session.

The report on home missions was then taken up and remarks were made by Revs. J. G. Fisher and N. A. Callihan. The list of churches called and pledges taken for home missions as follows:

|                       |         |                      |         |
|-----------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| Browns Creek.....     | \$ 1 00 | Zion Hill.....       | \$ 1 00 |
| Abbottsburg .....     | 2 50    | St. Joseph.....      | 1 00    |
| Bethel.....           | 1 00    | Edward's Chapel..... | 1 00    |
| Clarkton.....         | 1 00    | Smith's Chapel.....  | 1 00    |
| Brier Branch.....     | 1 00    | Beard's Chapel.....  | 1 50    |
| Centre Road.....      | 1 00    | White Oak.....       | 5 00    |
| Cypress Creek.....    | 4 00    | Hickory Grove.....   | 1 00    |
| French's Creek.....   | 2 00    | Paradise .....       | 1 50    |
| Galeed.....           | 10 00   | Cape Fear.....       | 1 00    |
| Shady Grove.....      | 2 00    | Yates Chapel.....    | 1 00    |
| Mt. Pleasant (b)..... | 2 50    | Corinth.....         | 1 00    |
| Sugg's Grove.....     | 1 00    | Love's Grove.....    | 1 00    |
| Salt Marsh.....       | 1 00    | Thumb Swamp.....     | 1 00    |
| Sandy Grove.....      | 1 00    |                      |         |
| Total.....            |         |                      | \$49 00 |

A cash collection was then taken for the same object amounting to \$3.53. Report adopted.



Churches failing to respond on yesterday called. Sugg's Grove, Cape Fear and Beard's Chapel handed in letters which were read and names of delegates enrolled.

The invitation to churches wishing to unite with this body renewed, when Peter's Creek and Shiloh churches responded with letters of dismission from the Cedar Creek Association; the letters were read, the churches duly received and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

The Moderator appointed the following named brethren to report at next session, viz.:

*Home Missions*—D. J. Clark.

*Periodicals*—C. E. Beard.

*Associational Missions*—Wm. Brisson.

*State Missions*—F. S. Averitt.

*Foreign Missions*—Levi Bryan.

*Prayer Meetings*—J. A. Johnson.

*Temperance*—A. L. Tatum.

*Bible Schools*—J. R. Bradshaw.

*Orphanage*—M. McK. Smith.

*Ministerial Support*—R. L. Byrd.

*Education*—J. W. Downing.

*Colportage*—D. C. Singletary.

*Minister's Relief*—C. E. Beard.

*Obituaries*—J. W. Callihan, M. Johnson and J. B. Taylor.

Bro. B. S. Peterson read the

## REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It is a fact to be deplored and at the same time hard to remedy, that so few of our people take and read any of our denominational papers. To inform ourselves about the various enterprises and operations of our great denomination is not only a privilege of our people but a positive duty. The almost universal ignorance of the great Baptist brotherhood respecting their own work in both home and foreign lands is appalling. Failure to inform ourselves along these lines means failure to do anything for God and humanity along these lines. The question might be asked just here, how shall this be remedied? and the only true answer comes back, by reading the *Biblical Recorder*, the organ of the State Convention; The *N. C. Baptist*, which is in the reach of all who want to read; The *Mission Journal*, which gives information from the foreign fields, and *Char-*

*ity and Children*, which tells us all about the Orphanage. Now brethren, these or some of these papers, you *can* get, and you should have them.

Respectfully submitted,

B. S. PETERSON.

Pending a motion for adoption, remarks were made by Brethren B. S. Peterson, Oliver Blackburn, Mitchell Johnson, Revs. J. G. Fisher, C. E. Beard and Levi Bryan. Report adopted.

The Association then called off for one hour.

## SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called together by singing.

The Zion Hill letter was handed in and read, stating that Brother A. J. Freeman is sent up for examination for ordination to the gospel ministry. On motion the letter was tabled.

The invitation to visitors renewed. Bro. J. C. Caddell of the *Biblical Recorder*, and Dr. John Mitchell of the Education Board, responded and were welcomed to seats.

Rev. D. J. Clark read the

## REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions means work done and money raised and expended in N. C. for preaching the gospel to destitute places, including counties, towns and cities and islands of the sea in our convention, from the mountains to the Atlantic Coast, destitute or very nearly so of Baptist principles. Our appropriations to State missions are \$15,000 of which we are behind \$8,000. We have in our State Convention 95 missionaries, 5 colporters. The Sunday School department has organized 224 new schools, the Supply Store has furnished 1,500 churches and Sunday schools with literature. The number of Baptist church members in N. C. about 325,000. Treasurer's report for 1894, \$126,487.18 for all objects passing through their hands including the various missions, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

OWEN REGISTER,  
J. D. CLARK.

Pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by Revs. D. J. Clark, C. E. Beard and Bro. J. C. Caddell.

On motion the list of churches were called and pledges taken for State Missions as follows:

|                       |         |                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
| Browns Creek.....     | \$ 1 00 | Sandy Grove .....     | \$ 1 00 |
| Abbottsburg.....      | 2 50    | Zion Hill .....       | 1 00    |
| Bethel.....           | 1 00    | St. Joseph .....      | 1 00    |
| Clarkton .....        | 1 00    | Edwards' Chapel ..... | 1 00    |
| Brier Branch.....     | 1 00    | Smith's Chapel .....  | 1 00    |
| Centre Road.....      | 1 00    | Beard's Chapel .....  | 1 00    |
| Cypress Creek.....    | 1 00    | White Oak .....       | 5 00    |
| French's Creek.....   | 1 50    | Hickory Grove .....   | 1 00    |
| Galeed.....           | 10 00   | Paradise .....        | 1 00    |
| Shady Grove.....      | 2 00    | Thumb Swamp .....     | 1 00    |
| Mt. Pleasant (b)..... | 2 50    | Peter's Creek .....   | 1 00    |
| Sugg's Grove.....     | 1 00    | Shiloh .....          | 2 00    |
| Salt Marsh.....       | 1 00    |                       |         |
| Total.....            |         |                       | \$43 00 |

A cash collection was then taken for the same object amounting to \$1.58. Report adopted.

Bro. G. W. Jones read the

### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

After Christ had risen from the grave He issued the following command, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."—Matt. 28:19. "Again go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."—Mark 26:15. "Again and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."—Luke 20:4. Statistics tell us there are over six hundred millions of souls in heathen lands without the Bible, or Christ, or a knowledge of the world to come. The number is so great that the ordinary mind can scarcely grasp the number. Suppose all the heathens were arranged in a line two to each yard, the line would be 170,454 miles long, or more than enough to go around the earth six and one-half times. Every Christian is called on to do what they can to put the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in reach of all persons of every land. In this nineteenth century all machinery in the great mills and factories have to be oiled to make the machinery work easy and perfect. So the great command to give the gospel to the nations requires men to go, and it requires those who stay at home to provide the means, the money to oil all the machinery and make it run swiftly, smoothly and effectively, so let us all come up to the work promptly and do all we can in the great work.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. JONES.

Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Dr. Mitchell and Rev. L. Bryan.



The list of churches was then called and pledges taken for Foreign Missions as follows:

|                       |         |                      |         |
|-----------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| Browns Creek.....     | \$ 1 00 | Zion Hill.....       | \$ 1 00 |
| Abbottsburg.....      | 2 50    | St. Joseph.....      | 1 00    |
| Brier Branch.....     | 1 00    | Edward's Chapel..... | 1 00    |
| Cypress Creek.....    | 1 00    | Smith's Chapel.....  | 1 00    |
| French's Creek.....   | 1 50    | White Oak.....       | 5 00    |
| Galeed.....           | 12 00   | Hickory Grove.....   | 1 00    |
| Shady Grove.....      | 1 00    | Paradise.....        | 1 00    |
| Mt. Pleasant (b)..... | 2 00    | Yates Chapel.....    | 1 00    |
| Salt Marsh.....       | 1 00    | Peter's Creek.....   | 1 00    |
| Sandy Grove.....      | 1 00    | Shiloh.....          | 1 00    |
| Total.....            |         |                      | \$38 00 |

Report adopted.

Rev. D. J. Clark read the

### REPORT ON ASSOCIATION MISSIONS.

This mission is the work done in the bounds of our Association and as yet there has been work done at Waddell's, Elizabethtown and Tar Heel. Our unions have seen our missionaries paid, and is really more of a union mission. This work should be extended and have more of the sympathy of the brethren and sisters.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. BRISSON.

Remarks by Rev. D. J. Clark and M. Johnson. Report adopted.

The Association then adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m. tomorrow. Benediction by Dr. Mitchell.

### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by Dr. John Mitchell. The Association was then called to order by the Moderator. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

On motion, the Association be allowed only ten minute's discussion on any one subject.

On motion, the Zion Hill letter was taken from the table, and the church recommended to call a presbytery to examine brother Freeman for ordination.

The location of the next meeting was then taken up and given to Hickory Grove church, to meet on Wednesday before the second Sunday in November, 1896; Elder William Brunt to preach the introductory sermon and Rev. R. L. Byrd to preach the Missionary sermon on the second day.

Corresponding messengers were then called on to report.

Rev. D. J. Clark reported that he attended the Robeson Association.



Corresponding messengers to sister Associations were appointed as follows:

*Eastern*—Levi Bryan.

*Robeson*—D. J. Clark.

*Columbus*—A. J. Freeman.

*South River*—M. McK. Smith.

*Cape Fear*—G. W. Jones.

*Cedar Creek*—C. E. Beard.

*To Baptist State Convention*—Revs. R. L. Byrd, C. E. Beard, L. Bryan, D. J. Clark.

*To Southern Baptist Convention*—Elder William Brunt.

The Clerk read the

### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

An uneducated person's power to control, even for evil, is limited much less for good. Therefore, an education is invaluable to those who use it for good. Therefore let us labor more for the cause of education in the future than we have in the past, for surely wisdom is power.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. WHITE, Committee.

Dr. Mitchell spoke to the report.

A cash collection was taken for ministerial education amounting to \$4,87.

The list of Churches was then called and pledges taken for education as follows:

|                     |         |                     |          |
|---------------------|---------|---------------------|----------|
| Browns Creek.....   | \$ 1 00 | Sandy Grove.....    | \$ 1 00  |
| Abbottsburg.....    | 2 50    | Zion Hill.....      | 1 00     |
| Bethel.....         | 50      | St. Joseph.....     | 1 00     |
| Clarkton.....       | 1 00    | Smith's Chapel..... | 1 00     |
| Brier Branch.....   | 1 00    | Beard's Chapel..... | 1 00     |
| Centre Road.....    | 50      | White Oak.....      | 10 00    |
| Cypress Creek.....  | 2 00    | Hickory Grove.....  | 1 00     |
| French's Creek..... | 1 50    | Paradise.....       | 50       |
| Galeed.....         | 15 00   | Cape Fear.....      | 1 00     |
| Shady Grove.....    | 1 00    | Peters Creek.....   | 1 00     |
| Suggs Grove.....    | 1 00    | Shiloh.....         | 1 00     |
| Salt Marsh.....     | 50      |                     |          |
| Total.....          |         |                     | \$ 47 00 |

The report adopted.

The Finance Committee made the following report.

### FINANCE REPORT.

Your Committee has received in cash from the several churches the following amounts, including cash collections, for the different objects named.

|                           |          |                         |          |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|
| Foreign Missions.....     | \$ 29 70 | Baptist Orphanage.....  | \$ 5 51  |
| Home Missions.....        | 14 19    | Education.....          | 5 17     |
| State Missions.....       | 18 04    | Ministers aid fund..... | 1 97     |
| Association Missions..... | 1 82     | Minute fund.....        | 12 35    |
| Total.....                |          |                         | \$ 88 75 |

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. JONES,  
OWEN REGISTER,  
JACOB A. JOHNSON.

On motion, the report received.

On motion, the Finance Committee was instructed to pay over the funds to the Treasurer.

On motion, the Treasurer pay over the Educational Funds to Dr. John Mitchell.

Rev. R. L. Byrd read the

### REPORT ON THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

This is an institution that appeals to the sympathies of every people in our land; much more ought it, and does it appeal, to all Christendom. The Baptist Orphanage, located at Thomasville, is now supporting about 120 orphans by the voluntary contributions of the Baptists of our State. The property belongs to this institution and consists of 300 acres of land; 15 buildings, all brick, except one. The children are taught, not only how to use their minds but their hands also; head, heart and hand all receive the most careful training from competent christian teachers. We recommend that all the Churches and Sunday Schools contribute regularly to this worthy object.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. BYRD.

Pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by Rev. R. L. Byrd.

A cash collection was taken up for the Orphanage amounting to \$1,21.

On motion, the churches be requested to take at least one collection during the year for the Orphanage; and the Sunday Schools also take collections for the same object. The report adopted.

Bro. F. F. Newton read the

### REPORT ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

We have within the bounds of this Association thirty-three (33) churches; the greater part of these have organized Bible Schools, and in many places outside of churches there are flourishing Bible Schools, which are doing much

to cause our people to read and study the Bible, and bring precious souls to Christ. We believe the Bible School cause is in a more healthy condition than ever before, and that our people are becoming more aroused to the importance of the work. But there is yet great destitution among us, and it can be truthfully said that the fields are white already to the harvest, but the laborers are few.

Respectfully submitted, F. F. NEWTON.

Remarks by Bro. J. C. Caddell. Report adopted.

### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee beg leave to report, that in their judgment, the improvements in our church membership should include methods in teaching temperance to our people. The awful evils of intemperance and the fearful waste of money, health and life are appalling. But more than all, the plain teaching of the word of God, that "no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God," should lead to plain, earnest, spiritual instruction and appeal. We believe that in addition to special lessons, Pastors, Superintendents and teachers in all our schools should be careful to teach the Christian virtues and important truth of temperance. We hold this truth to be self-evident that all Sunday School officers and teachers ought to be total abstinence men and women, and that in their class teachings, and in the public statements from the platform, subjects of Temperance should be frequently and earnestly advocated. We respectfully commend the wise and bold stand and fight Bro. J. A. Oates, Jr., of the *N. C. Baptist* has made and is making for Temperance.

A. J. FREEMAN, Committee.

Pending a motion for adoption, remarks were made by Bro. A. J. Freeman, Revs. C. E. Beard and J. G. Fisher. Report adopted.

The Association then called off for 45 minutes.

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### THIRD DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called together by singing.  
The Shady Grove letter was handed in and read.

### REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS.

Dear brethren, your Committee beg leave to report that

this important branch of the Master's work is sadly neglected in our churches. Therefore, we urge upon each church in this Association to organize at least a weekly prayer meeting, as prayer is the only medium through which we can approach the throne of Grace.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. THOMPSON.

Remarks were made by Bro. J. T. Thompson and Rev. R. M. Hilburn. Report adopted.

C. G. Averitt read the

### REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Your Committee beg leave to report, that from the reading of the letters coming up to the Association from the Churches, that there is a fearful deficiency in the ministerial support. The word of God clearly teaches that they that preach the gospel should live of the gospel, Matt. 10:10, Luke 10:7, 1st Cor. 9:14. Therefore, we would respectfully urge upon the churches and members composing this Association to contribute more liberally to ministerial support.

Respectfully,

C. G. AVERITT.

Pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by Bro. C. G. Averitt and Rev. L. Bryan. The report adopted.

Rev. D. J. Clark read the

### REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

The carrying of the bread of life to the famishing is our duty. as much as it is to provide it. Upon this imperatively rests the duty of the churches in home and foreign missionary work.

The colportage work is the John the Baptist, for the Sunday School, the Church and the Pastor. This personal pioneer work, this hand-picking fruit by the wayside evangelist, in hut and home, cabin and city, town and country, is the work of the advanced guard of God's sacramental host. The camp-fires of the Colporter show the advancing army the way to march. The Colporter answers the question of so many earnest souls to-day: "How shall we reach the masses?" There is but one answer and that is, "reach them," and this the Colporter does as he reaches the individual. With a knowledge of these truths before us we have but five Colporters in our State, while our Methodist brethren use each and every pastor and circuit-rider in the N. C. Con-



ference as a Colporter. With shame we should blush.

J. D. CLARK.

Report adopted.

On motion, Bro. O. Blackburn's form of Association letters was adopted and \$2.10 cents raised by the association to pay Bro. Blackburn for blanks.

On motion, Rev. J. G. Fisher was appointed to preach the Missionary sermon to-morrow at 11 o'clock, a. m.

The following named brethren were appointed as Executive Committee:

*To meet with the Central Union*—S. H. Hilburn, C. G. Averitt, J. N. Singletary.

*To meet with the Bladen Union*—D. M. Melvin, W. H. Butler, C. C. Everett.

On motion, the Treasurer was ordered to pay Rev. D. J. Clark \$15.00 for services at St. Joseph, out of the State Mission funds in the treasury.

Rev. J. G. Fisher offered the following resolution, which was received.

*Resolved*, That the hearty thanks of this body be, and are hereby tendered, to this church and neighborhood for the very hospitable manner in which we have been entertained during this meeting.

The Treasurer made the following report:

### TREASURER'S REPORT FROM NOV. 10TH, 1894, TO NOV. 9TH, 1895.

#### RECEIVED.

|                       |                                            |           |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Nov. 10th, 1894.      | To balance on hand.....                    | \$ 113 31 |
| Nov. 11th, 1894.      | From collection at Association.....        | 8 60      |
| Nov. 9th, 1895.       | From Finance Committee at Association..... | 88 75     |
| - Total received..... |                                            | \$ 210 66 |

#### DISBURSMENTS.

|                      |                                           |           |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Nov. 10th, 1894.     | Paid to C. Durham for State missions..... | \$ 29 41  |
| " "                  | " " Foreign missions.....                 | 25 36     |
| " "                  | " " Home missions.....                    | 16 34     |
| " "                  | " " Education.....                        | 45        |
| " "                  | " J. H. Mills, for Orphanage.....         | 18 39     |
| " "                  | " Clerk of Association.....               | 18 96     |
| " 11th, "            | " C. Durham, for State missions.....      | 8 60      |
| Total disbursed..... |                                           | \$ 117 51 |
| Nov. 9th, 1895.      | To balance on hand.....                   | \$ 93 15  |

C. B. PRIDGEN, Treasurer Bladen Association.

The report received.

The Executive Board being unable to make a report, they

were ordered to report at the Association in 1896, for the years '95 and '96.

On motion, the Treasurer was ordered to pay over the funds in his hands to the different objects.

On motion, the Clerk be allowed \$5.00 for his services.

On motion, the Central and Bladen Unions be requested to forward the Clerk Five Dollars each for minute fund.

Proceedings of to-day read and approved.

On motion, the Association adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. C. E. Beard.

ELDER WM. BRUNT, *Moderator.*

F. S. AVERITT, *Clerk.*

### SUNDAY MORNING.

The Association was called together by singing.

Rev. J. G. Fisher preached from Matthew 16th chapter, 15th and 16th verses, after which a collection was taken for Foreign Missions amounting to \$4.30.

Thus closed a pleasant session of the Bladen Association.

F. S. AVERITT, *Clerk.*

### REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF GALEED CHURCH.

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Christmas offering..... | \$ 4 00 |
| Home missions.....      | 4 25    |
| State missions.....     | 5 75    |
| Total. ....             | \$14 00 |

MISS S. D. SINGLETARY, *President.*

MISS M. E. SINGLETARY, *Secretary.*

| CHURCHES.             | PASTORS and POST-OFFICES.            | CLERKS and POST-OFFICES.      |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Brown's Creek.....    | R. L. Byrd, Abbotsburg.....          | W. B. Hester, Elizabethtown.  |
| Abbotsburg .....      | R. L. Byrd, Abbotsburg.....          | G. W. Smith, Abbotsburg.      |
| Bethel .....          | W. S. Melvin, Winnie.....            | C. W. King, Moscow.           |
| Brier Branch.....     | J. H. Dobson, Ham.....               | A. Johnson, Downingsville.    |
| Centre Road .....     | William Brissson, Guyton.....        | John Chesher, Brompton.       |
| Cypress Creek.....    | W. S. Melvin, Winnie.....            | L. H. Cain, Cypress Creek.    |
| Franches Creek .....  | William Brunt, Winnie.....           | E. W. More, Kelly's.          |
| Galeed .....          | I. P. Hedgepeth, Orrum.....          | T. J. Freeman, Bladenboro.    |
| Shady Grove.....      | D. H. Hilburn, Bladenboro.....       | Z. G. Thompson, Abbotsburg.   |
| Mt. Pleasant (B)..... | W. S. Melvin, Winnie.....            | J. M. Davis, Register.        |
| Suggs Grove.....      | D. H. Hilburn, Bladenboro.....       | R. Sessoms, ———.              |
| Salt Marsh.....       | C. E. Beard, Winnie.....             | J. H. Squires, Nat More.      |
| Sandy Grove.....      | J. H. Dobson, Ham,.....              | A. Z. Davis, Bladenboro.      |
| White Lake.....       | J. G. Fisher, Roslin.....            | R. H. Marshburn, Ham.         |
| Zion Hill.....        | William Brunt, Winnie.....           | A. A. Hilburn, Richardson.    |
| St. Joseph.....       | William Brunt, Winnie.....           | W. F. Melvin, Elkton.         |
| Edwards Chapel.....   | William Brunt, Winnie.....           | L. A. Register, Register.     |
| Smiths Chapel.....    | C. E. Beard, Winnie.....             | Wiley Cain, Garland.          |
| Beards Chapel.....    | William Brunt, Winnie.....           | R. Smith, Cypress Creek.      |
| White Oak.....        | J. G. Fisher, Roslin.....            | D. M. Melvin, Winnie.         |
| Hickory Grove.....    | N. A. Callihan, Council Station..... | G. F. Allen, Brompton.        |
| Paradise .....        | C. E. Beard, Winnie.....             | A. J. Meshaw, Register.       |
| Cape Fear.....        | J. G. Fisher, Roslin.....            | B. A. Downing, Elizabethtown. |
| Yates Chapel.....     | H. Carter, Garland.....              | L. P. Tatum, Winnie.          |
| Love's Grove.....     | W. S. Melvin, Winnie.....            | D. C. Singletary, Tar Heel.   |
| Thumb Swamp.....      |                                      | W. J. Smith, ———.             |
| Peters Creek.....     |                                      | A. Simmons, ———.              |

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

| CHURCHES.           | Baptized. | By Letter. | Restored. | Dismissed. | Excluded. | Died. | Males. | Females. | Total Membership. | Pastor's Salary. | Incidental Expenses. | Poor.  | Repairs. | Minute Fund. | State Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Home Missions. | Association Mission. | Orphanage. | Min. Aid Fund. | Education. | Other Objects. | Grand Total.                    | TIME OF PREACHING. |
|---------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------|--------|----------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------|----------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Brown's Creek...    | 1         | 2          | 3         | 6          | 4         | 2     | 29     | 41       | 70                | 54 00            | 1 56                 | 8 80   | 30       | 2 53         | 3 61            | 1 85              | 49             | 95                   | 74         | 1 11           | 8 53       | 84 49          | 40 4th Sunday and day before    |                    |
| Abbottsburg...      | 1         | 1          | 2         | 6          | 4         | 2     | 27     | 47       | 74                | 54 00            | 1 56                 | 8 80   | 30       | 2 53         | 3 61            | 1 85              | 49             | 95                   | 74         | 1 11           | 8 53       | 84 49          | 40 4th Sunday and day before    |                    |
| Bethel...           | 1         | 1          | 2         | 6          | 4         | 2     | 28     | 48       | 76                | 54 00            | 1 56                 | 8 80   | 30       | 2 53         | 3 61            | 1 85              | 49             | 95                   | 74         | 1 11           | 8 53       | 84 49          | 40 4th Sunday and day before    |                    |
| Brier Branch...     | 5         | 3          | 10        | 4          | 3         | 2     | 35     | 51       | 78                | 25 00            | 2 80                 | 3 00   | 50       | 2 5          | 2 00            | 2 00              | 10             | 10                   | 10         | 10             | 10         | 34 42          | 32 30 2nd Sunday                |                    |
| Centre Road...      | 1         | 1          | 3         | 9          | 2         | 2     | 45     | 84       | 129               | 100 00           | ...                  | ...    | 1 10     | 63           | 2 00            | 4 18              | 2 00           | 80                   | ...        | ...            | 10 00      | 114 14         | 14 1st Sunday and day before    |                    |
| Frenches Creek...   | 1         | 1          | 1         | 9          | 2         | 2     | 34     | 60       | 90                | 100 00           | ...                  | ...    | 1 50     | 18 42        | 11 19           | 18 40             | 29 83          | 2 32                 | 7 30       | 16 95          | 1 09       | 332 00         | 30 1st Sunday and day before    |                    |
| Cypress Creek...    | 1         | 1          | 1         | 7          | 6         | 1     | 37     | 48       | 75                | 125 00           | ...                  | 100 00 | 1 70     | 2 00         | 2 00            | 2 00              | 2 00           | 2 82                 | 7 30       | 16 95          | 1 09       | 332 00         | 30 1st Sunday and day before    |                    |
| Galeed...           | 1         | 1          | 3         | 8          | 1         | 27    | 46     | 74       | 49                | 40 00            | ...                  | ...    | 1 00     | 2 00         | 2 00            | 1 05              | 45             | 69                   | 42         | ...            | ...        | 4 76           | 81 2nd Sunday and day before    |                    |
| Shady Grove...      | 1         | 2          | 2         | 1          | 1         | 1     | 28     | 46       | 74                | 40 00            | ...                  | ...    | 1 00     | 2 00         | 2 00            | 1 05              | 45             | 69                   | 42         | ...            | ...        | 4 76           | 81 2nd Sunday and day before    |                    |
| Mt. Pleasant (n)... | 16        | 1          | 1         | 1          | 1         | 1     | 19     | 30       | 49                | 60 00            | ...                  | 1 25   | 50       | 2 00         | 1 08            | 75                | 85             | 2 20                 | ...        | ...            | ...        | 91 00          | 40 4th Sunday and day before    |                    |
| Suggs' Grove...     | 1         | 3          | 1         | 4          | 1         | 25    | 29     | 54       | 83                | 60 00            | ...                  | ...    | 50       | 3 0          | 1 37            | ...               | 50             | 60                   | ...        | ...            | ...        | 55 70          | 60 99 2nd Sunday and day before |                    |
| Salt Marsh...       | 5         | 1          | 1         | 3          | 1         | 60    | 95     | 155      | 204               | 50 00            | ...                  | ...    | 50       | 3 0          | 1 37            | ...               | 50             | 60                   | ...        | ...            | ...        | 55 70          | 60 99 2nd Sunday and day before |                    |
| Sandy Grove...      | 13        | 3          | 6         | ...        | ...       | ...   | 39     | 36       | 75                | 50 00            | ...                  | ...    | 30       | ...          | ...             | ...               | 50             | 60                   | ...        | ...            | ...        | 55 70          | 60 99 2nd Sunday and day before |                    |
| White Lake...       | ...       | ...        | ...       | ...        | ...       | ...   | ...    | 23       | 25                | 00               | ...                  | ...    | 30       | ...          | ...             | ...               | 50             | 60                   | ...        | ...            | ...        | 55 70          | 60 99 2nd Sunday and day before |                    |
| Zion Hill...        | ...       | ...        | ...       | ...        | ...       | ...   | ...    | ...      | ...               | ...              | ...                  | ...    | 30       | ...          | ...             | ...               | 50             | 60                   | ...        | ...            | ...        | 55 70          | 60 99 2nd Sunday and day before |                    |
| St. Joseph...       | ...       | ...        | ...       | ...        | ...       | ...   | ...    | ...      | ...               | ...              | ...                  | ...    | 30       | ...          | ...             | ...               | 50             | 60                   | ...        | ...            | ...        | 55 70          | 60 99 2nd Sunday and day before |                    |
| Edwards Chapel...   | 6         | ...        | 2         | ...        | 2         | 1     | 43     | 55       | 98                | 60 00            | ...                  | 1 50   | 35       | 1 00         | 50              | 25                | 10             | 30                   | 30         | ...            | ...        | 64 30          | 31 3rd Sunday and day before    |                    |
| Smiths Chapel...    | 6         | 1          | ...       | 2          | 2         | 2     | 27     | 35       | 62                | 60 00            | ...                  | 1 50   | 35       | 1 00         | 50              | 25                | 10             | 30                   | 30         | ...            | ...        | 64 30          | 31 3rd Sunday and day before    |                    |
| Beards Chapel...    | 10        | 4          | 8         | 2          | 2         | 2     | 53     | 121      | 204               | 40 00            | 11 38                | ...    | 1 50     | 1 00         | 2 00            | 3 31              | 1 19           | ...                  | ...        | ...            | ...        | 120 38         | 4th Sunday and day before       |                    |
| White Oak...        | 11        | 5          | 2         | 4          | 1         | 68    | 125    | 188      | 75 00             | ...              | ...                  | 35     | 20       | 2 00         | 8 90            | 1 89              | 1 00           | 2 88                 | 8 00       | ...            | ...        | 100 22         | 4th Sunday and day before       |                    |
| Hickory Grove...    | 5         | 1          | 1         | 1          | 1         | 1     | 22     | 33       | 55                | ...              | ...                  | ...    | 20       | 2 00         | 2 00            | 2 00              | 2 00           | 70                   | ...        | ...            | ...        | 1 46           | 1-4 Sunday and day before       |                    |
| Paradise...         | 5         | 1          | 1         | 1          | 1         | 1     | 22     | 33       | 55                | ...              | ...                  | ...    | 20       | 2 00         | 2 00            | 2 00              | 2 00           | 70                   | ...        | ...            | ...        | 1 46           | 1-4 Sunday and day before       |                    |
| Cape Fear...        | 6         | 6          | 4         | 1          | 1         | 15    | 22     | 37       | ...               | ...              | ...                  | ...    | 40       | 1 00         | ...             | ...               | ...            | ...                  | ...        | ...            | ...        | 1 00           | 3rd Sunday                      |                    |
| Yates' Chapel...    | ...       | ...        | ...       | ...        | ...       | ...   | 5      | 5        | 10                | ...              | ...                  | ...    | 40       | 1 00         | ...             | ...               | ...            | ...                  | ...        | ...            | ...        | 1 00           | 3rd Sunday                      |                    |
| Corinth...          | ...       | ...        | ...       | ...        | ...       | ...   | ...    | ...      | ...               | ...              | ...                  | ...    | 40       | 1 00         | ...             | ...               | ...            | ...                  | ...        | ...            | ...        | 1 00           | 3rd Sunday                      |                    |
| Loaves Grove...     | ...       | ...        | ...       | ...        | ...       | ...   | ...    | ...      | ...               | ...              | ...                  | ...    | 15       | ...          | ...             | ...               | ...            | ...                  | ...        | ...            | ...        | 1 15           | ...                             |                    |
| Thumb Swamp...      | 38        | 2          | ...       | ...        | ...       | 14    | 15     | 29       | ...               | ...              | ...                  | ...    | 50       | 25           | 25              | 1 00              | ...            | 25                   | ...        | ...            | ...        | 1 50           | 3rd Sunday and day before       |                    |
| Peters Creek...     | 5         | 3          | 1         | 1          | 1         | 30    | 37     | 67       | ...               | ...              | ...                  | ...    | 65       | 1 00         | 1 00            | 1 00              | ...            | 1 00                 | ...        | ...            | ...        | 4 65           | 3rd Sunday and day before       |                    |
| Shiloh...           | 10        | ...        | 2         | 3          | 2         | 45    | 61     | 106      | ...               | ...              | ...                  | ...    | ...      | ...          | ...             | ...               | ...            | ...                  | ...        | ...            | ...        | 1 40           | 1st Sunday and day before       |                    |
|                     | 124       | 33         | 31        | 64         | 44        | 22    | 872    | 1 317    | 2 131             | 889 00           | 14 68                | 5 00   | 114 80   | 13 65        | 59 07           | 39 46             | 33 03          | 57 21                | 18 48      | 16 40          | 18 48      | 2 756          | \$1142 28                       |                    |



# Sunday School Statistics.

| CHURCHES.            | SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR<br>POST OFFICES. |           |                 |                           |                  |                                   |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                      | No. Officers and Teachers.                 | Scholars. | Total Enrolled. | Contributions by Schools. | School Expenses. | No. Quarterlies and Papers taken. |
| Browns Creek.....    | 3                                          | 23        | 26              | .....                     | .....            | 30                                |
| Abbottsborg.....     | 11                                         | 50        | 61              | 7 55                      | 4 50             | 36                                |
| Bethel.....          | 6                                          | 30        | 36              | .....                     | .....            | .....                             |
| Brier Branch.....    | 6                                          | 12        | 18              | .....                     | .....            | .....                             |
| Centre Road.....     | 6                                          | 75        | 81              | .....                     | 1 80             | .....                             |
| Frenches Creek....   | 8                                          | 116       | 124             | 11 67                     | .....            | 73                                |
| Cypress Creek.....   | ..                                         | 49        | 49              | .....                     | .....            | 29                                |
| Galeed.....          | 8                                          | 115       | 123             | 14 70                     | 15 00            | 120                               |
| Shady Grove.....     | .....                                      | .....     | .....           | .....                     | .....            | .....                             |
| Mt. Pleasant, (n) .. | .....                                      | .....     | .....           | .....                     | .....            | .....                             |
| Salt Marsh.....      | 6                                          | 72        | 78              | 5 00                      | 2 82             | 104                               |
| Sandy Grove.....     | .....                                      | .....     | .....           | .....                     | .....            | .....                             |
| White Lake.....      | 4                                          | 47        | 51              | .....                     | .....            | 20                                |
| Zion Hill.....       | 8                                          | 30        | 38              | .....                     | 2 13             | 113                               |
| Smiths Chapel.....   | 7                                          | 45        | 52              | .....                     | 3 00             | .....                             |
| Beards Chapel.....   | ..                                         | 5         | 5               | .....                     | 1 00             | .....                             |
| White Oak.....       | 6                                          | 60        | 66              | 1 00                      | 5 00             | 60                                |
| Hickory Grove.....   | .....                                      | .....     | .....           | .....                     | .....            | .....                             |
| Paradise .....       | 7                                          | 41        | 48              | .....                     | 2 64             | .....                             |
| Yates' Chapel.....   | 6                                          | 75        | 81              | .....                     | .....            | .....                             |
|                      | 92                                         | 845       | 937             | 39 92                     | 37 89            | 587                               |

J. D. Edwards, Elibabethtown  
 G. W. Smith, Abbottsburg  
 C. W. King, Moscow  
 J. W. Downing, Downingsville  
 L. T. Hester, Guyton  
 C. B. Pridgen, Kelley's  
 A. S. Smith, Cypress Creek  
 H. C. Bridger, Bladenboro  
 W. J. Burk, Abbottsburg  
 S. H. Hillburn, Register  
 L. E. Squires, Natt Moore  
 I. A. Davis, Bladenboro  
 R. H. Marshburn, Ham  
 I. F. Hillburn, Bladenboro  
 J. Z. Rich, Garland  
 J. W. Long, Ham  
 O. Register, Winnie  
 L. P. Singletary, Bladenboro  
 M. H. Smith  
 R. P. Tatum, Winnie





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## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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|------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Brunt, William               | Winnie, N. C. | Downing, J. W.      | Downingsville, N.C. |
| Beard, C. E. ....            | Winnie, "     | Freeman, A. J. .... | Bladenboro, "       |
| Bryan, Levi...Cypress Creek, | "             | Hilburn, R. M. .... | Bladenboro, "       |
| Bordeaux, A. J. ....         | Kelly's, "    | Hilburn, D. H. .... | Bladenboro, "       |
| Brisson, W. M... .           | Greytown, "   | Hester, S .....     | Bladenboro, "       |
| Brisson, W. L.....           | Greytown, "   | Johnson, J. A... .  | Elizabethtown, "    |
| Clark, D. J.....             | Register, "   | Johnson, D. L. .    | Downingsville, "    |
| Carter, Henry .....          | Garland, "    | Melvin, W. S. ....  | Winnie, "           |

## PROCEEDINGS.

CLARKTON CHURCH, BLADEN COUNTY, N. C., November 10, 1897.

The Bladen County Baptist Association met in its Sixth Session with this Church. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. C. C. Beard, from 1st Timothy, 2nd chapter, 4th, 5th, and 6th verses.

A recess of 45 minutes was then given for refreshments.

The Association then assembled in the house. Devotional exercises conducted by J. W. Cobb.

A. L. Tatum, G. W. Register, and C. C. Everitt were appointed a Committee on Finance.

W. F. Melvin, R. L. Byrd, and Joseph Bennett, Reading Clerks.

Letters were then called for, read, and names of Delegates enrolled, as follows:

|                        |                                                  |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Brown's Creek.....     | J. B. Melvin, W. R. McGill, A. F. White.         |
| Abbottsburg .....      | G. W. Smith, R. C. Thompson, J. R. Bradshaw.     |
| Bethel. ....           | J. W. Carroll, J. O. Britt, D. J. Allen.         |
| Clarkton. ....         | N. G. Gooden, J. H. Pruett, J. I. Hester.        |
| Brier Branch.....      | G. E. Downing, C. L. Long, A. B. McIluffie.      |
| Centre Road.....       | L. Hester, N. Dowless, Rev. W. M. Brisson.       |
| Cypress Creek.....     | L. H. Cain, G. W. Peterson, Chas. Smith.         |
| French's Creek.....    | H. R. Peterson, C. C. Everitt, C. B. Pridgen.    |
| Kate's Chapel.....     | Not represented.                                 |
| Galud. ....            | A. E. Paitt, J. H. Thompson, J. N. Kelly.        |
| Mt. Pleasant, (b)..... | R. Register, S. H. Hilburn, W. H. Burney,        |
| Shady Grove.. ..       | W. J. Burks, C. F. Thompson, E. H. Thompson.     |
| Sugg's Grove .....     | Not represented.                                 |
| Salt Marsh. ....       | L. E. Squires, J. W. Collins, H. H. Williams.    |
| Sandy Grove. ....      | R. J. Edwards, J. T. Cain, W. P. Dove.           |
| White Lake .....       | J. W. Marshburn, H. L. Peterson D. Marshburn.    |
| Waddell's .....        | W. P. Smith, Jas. Land, David Ward.              |
| Zion Hill .....        | George Storm, S. W. Singleton, M. Hester.        |
| St. Joseph .....       | W. F. Melvin, Henry Lee.                         |
| Edwards Chapel.....    | Not represented.                                 |
| Smith's Chapel .....   | A. D. Carter, N. Rich, M. C. Rich.               |
| Beard's Chapel .....   | C. B. Smith, D. S. Rich, L. Barns.               |
| White Oak. ....        | D. S. Tatom, D. L. Melvin, G. W. Register.       |
| Mt. Pleasant. (s)..... | W. C. Melvin, W. A. Johnson, B. Robeson.         |
| Hickory Grove .....    | M. B. Singletary, W. R. Davis, J. W. Singletary. |
| Paradise.....          | D. G. Daniels, J. F. Parry, M. H. Smith.         |
| Cape Fear .....        | B. A. Downing, M. P. Cain, C. Martin.            |
| Yates' Chapel .....    | H. W. Cain, A. L. Tatum, L. P. Tatum.            |
| Corinth .....          | Not represented.                                 |
| Loves Grove.....       | J. Melvin, N. B. Singletary, W. McMonroe.        |
| Thumb Swamp .....      | R. Smith, T. R. Roberson, D. M. Smith.           |
| Peter's Creek.....     | Not represented.                                 |
| Shiloh.....            | T. J. Ellis, J. W. Bullard.                      |



The Association then proceeded to re-organize by electing Elder W. S. Melvin, Moderator; F. S. Averitt, Clerk; J. W. Hester, Treasurer.

The following visitors were recognized and welcomed: Rev. J. W. Cobb, of the "N. C. Baptist"; Walter Sikes, in the interest of Wake Forest College; Rev. Joseph Bennett, of the Robeson Association; Rev. J. H. Marshall, of the Eastern Association

The Pastor and Deacons of this church were appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises during the session.

On motion, 10 o'clock to morrow be set for the Report on Education, and that Rev. J. W. Cobb preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock.

Rev. R. L. Byrd offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS. There is a doctrine being taught within the bounds of this Association, known as modern sanctification or sinless perfection of the flesh, which is causing a great deal of excitement in many of our churches. We therefore recommend that all churches composing this Association withdraw fellowship from all members who embrace this modern heresy. We also recommend that each Baptist minister of this Association denounce this doctrine as being false.

R. L. BYRD,  
C. E. BEARD,  
J. W. COBB,  
W. L. BRISSON,  
H. W. CAIN,  
W. M. BRISSON,  
Committee.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reports preaching to-night by Rev. J. W. Cobb.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m. to-morrow. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Cobb.

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## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional Exercises conducted by R. L. Byrd.

Several Letters were then handed in and read, and the names of Delegates enrolled.

Walter Sikes read the

## REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We favor the education of our people. We believe that in order for them to accomplish great things for God they must cultivate the powers with which God has endowed them. We recognize the fact that if the children of our State are ever taught the primary elements of education it must be done through the public schools, and therefore we urge upon our people to support these schools. We are now able to see the wisdom of our forefathers in founding and equipment of Wake Forest College. It is not possible to estimate the great influence the College has had in making our denomination powerful and useful in the State. It is hoped

that the Baptist Female University, situated in Raleigh, will be open for the reception of our girls by next September. We also believe that God not only calls men to preach His gospel but also to prepare themselves to do it. For this reason the Board of Education was created to help indigent young men who want to prepare themselves at Wake Forest College to preach the gospel. The success of this Board depends upon its support by the churches. We urge upon our people the establishment of more schools, and to give them a good patronage.

WALTER SIKES, for Committee.

At this point the Association agreed to dispense with the Missionary Sermon and give the time to education. Prof. Walter Sikes addressed the Association in the interest of Wake Forrest College, Rev. O. L. Stringfield, the Baptist Female University; Prof. F. P. Hobgood, the Oxford Female Seminary; Prof. John Duckett, the Robeson Institute.

Pledges were then taken for Education, as follows:

|                           |       |                      |      |
|---------------------------|-------|----------------------|------|
| Brown's Creek .....       | 2.00  | Sandy Grove .....    | 1.00 |
| Bethel .....              | 1.00  | Zion Hill .....      | 1.00 |
| Clarkton .....            | 3.00  | St. Joseph .....     | .50  |
| Brier Branch, all we can. |       | White Oak .....      | 5.00 |
| Cypress Creek .....       | 1.00  | Beard's Chapel ..... | 1.00 |
| Galud .....               | 10.00 | Loves Grove .....    | 1.00 |
| Salt Marsh .....          | 1.00  | Shiloh .....         | 1.00 |
|                           |       | \$28.50              |      |

On motion the report was adopted.

The Association then adjourned for 45 minutes.

## SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called together by singing.

Shady Grove, Thumb Swamp, St. Joseph, and Loves Grove Letters were handed in and read and names of Delegates enrolled.

Grove Church petitioned the Association for help. On motion their Letter was tabled for further consideration.

The following visitors were recognised and welcomed: Rev. E. W. Wood, Rev. W. S. Ballard, Owen Lennon, and C. C. Gore from the Cape Fear Association.

The following named writers were appointed for next session, viz.:

|                                   |                                                          |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Home Missions—Wm. Brunt.          | Orphanage—C. Martin.                                     |
| Periodicals—W. L. Brisson.        | Ministerial Support—O. Register.                         |
| Association Missions—C. E. Beard. | Education—F. S. Averitt.                                 |
| State Missions—W. F. Melvin.      | Colportage—N. A. Layton.                                 |
| Foreign Missions—M. Johnson.      | Minister's Relief—W. M. Brisson.                         |
| Prayer Meetings—D. M. Melvin.     | Obituaries—W. F. Melvin, O. Register, and D. H. Hilburn. |
| Temperance—A. L. Tatom.           | What Missionary Baptists believe—                        |
| Bible Schools—A. S. Smith.        | Wm. Brunt.                                               |

Rev. R. L. Byrd read the

### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals beg leave to submit the following as highly worthy of the patronage of every Baptist of this Association, viz.: "The Biblical Recorder," "N. C. Baptist," "Charity and Children," and the Sunday School literature of the Southern Baptist Convention. I not only endorse the above, but urge upon every Baptist of this Association the great necessity of availing themselves of the wholesome knowledge to be obtained from them.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. S. MELVIN

Remarks by J. C. Caddell and J. W. Cobb. Report adopted.

### REPORT ON MINISTERS RELIEF.

This is a worthy object and should be held up by the Baptist denomination, both by their prayers and contributions. When a minister works, preaches, and teaches for the good of the churches to which he may be called and the people at large, is it not as little as the denomination could do to see that such, after they have worn themselves out working in the vineyard of the Master, that they are properly cared for in declining life. The Board is located at Durham, N. C. And we recommend that the pastor's of the different churches lay the matter before their congregations at least once in each year, and ask them to liberally contribute to this worthy cause. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.—Mat. 25:40.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. JONES.

Walter Sikes and F. P. Hobgood spoke to the report. A cash collection was then taken for Ministers Relief, amounting to \$4.04.

Report adopted.

Rev. R. L. Byrd read the

### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board has for its work the preaching of the gospel among our native white people in destitute sections, and among the Indians, negroes, and foreign population. Also the building of houses of worship. Its fields of labor comprise the Southern States and Cuba. During the fifty years of its existence the Board has established about one-eighth of all the white churches in the Southern Baptist Convention.

1st.—The Work in Cuba.—Before our work in Cuba was interrupted by the war, the work comprised twenty four missionaries, including female teachers, and a native membership of 2,775.

2nd.—The Mountain Regions of the Southern States.—The vast mountain region that stretches across North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama, must be supplied with the gospel by the Home Board.

3rd.—Work among the Indians and on the Frontiers.—We have never engaged in missionary work that has brought larger results than the work among the Indians. The first mission started among them was nearly destroyed by the late war, since then it has grown till they have 18 Baptist Associations, an educated ministry, and high schools and churches that compare favorably with our own.

4th.—Foreign Population.—The foreigners from every land, representing every shade of religion and irreligion, at the rate of half a million a year, are coming in upon us—all cast off here. Many of them are crowding into the cities, such as New Orleans, and the Roman Catholics have the ascendancy. We cannot afford to neglect these for they can easily become the "storm centers" to lay waste our south land.



5th.—Work among the Colored People.—This work ought to stand near the front with the rest of the work of the Home Board. Under the co-operative plan it has been successfully inaugurated in the States of Alabama, North Carolina and Virginia.

May God's richest blessings rest on the work of the Home Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. BYRD.

Remarks by Walter Sikes and O. L. Stringfield.

The list of churches was then called and pledges taken for Home Missions, as follows:

|                      |       |                      |         |
|----------------------|-------|----------------------|---------|
| Brown's Creek. ....  | 2.50  | Smith's Chapel ..... | 1.50    |
| Abbottsburg. ....    | 2.00  | Beard's Chapel ..... | 2.00    |
| Bethel. ....         | 1.50  | White Oak .....      | 5.00    |
| Clarkton .....       | 2.00  | Hickory Grove, ..... | 2.00    |
| Brier Branch .....   | 1.00  | Paradise .....       | 1.00    |
| Crentro Road .....   | 1 00  | Yates Chapel .....   | 1.00    |
| Galud, .....         | 10.00 | Thumb Swamp .....    | 1.00    |
| Salt Marsh .....     | 1.00  | Peter's Creek .....  | 1.00    |
| St Joseph .....      | 50    | White Lake .....     | 2.00    |
| Frenches Creek ..... | 1.00  | Shiloh .....         | 1.00    |
| Shady Grove. ....    | 1.00  |                      |         |
|                      |       |                      | \$41.00 |

Report adopted.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reports preaching to-night by Rev. O. L. Stringfield.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock. a. m., tomorrow. Prayer by Prof. F. P. Hobgood.

### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by bro. Walter Sikes.

Proceedings of yesterday and day before read and approved.

Several Letters were then handed in and read and names of delegates enrolled.

The Loves Grove Letter was then taken from the table, and on motion, their request for help was turned over to the Unions.

Rev. J. E. White, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, was recognized and welcomed to a seat.

Rev. J. E. White read the

### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The work of State Missions is the work nearest and dearest to the hearts of North Carolina Baptists. It is the work which more than any other has developed our people, extended our cause, and blessed the poor and the destitute of our State with the gospel. This year we have 95 missionaries on the destitute fields. They have been faithful, and God has blessed their labors. 1,500 converts are reported; 27 new churches;



69 new Sunday Schools. Much destitution remains yet to be occupied. The time is ripe for a forward movement. More people unsaved in North Carolina than ever before. Over one million souls out of Christ. Let us go forward. The time is short. North Carolina needs Christ. Let us give more than we have been giving. We recommend that our churches take a collection for State Missions by December 1st, and send it to the Treasurer at Raleigh.

Bro. White spoke to the report. A cash collection was then taken for State Missions, amounting to \$6.12. List of churches called and pledges taken for State Missions, as follows:

|                     |       |                     |                |
|---------------------|-------|---------------------|----------------|
| Brown's Creek.....  | 2.00  | Zion Hill.....      | 1.00           |
| Abbottsburg .....   | 2.00  | St. Joseph.....     | 1.00           |
| Bethel.....         | 1.50  | Smith's Chapel..... | 1.00           |
| Clarkton .....      | 2.50  | Beard's Chapel..... | 1.00           |
| Brier Branch.....   | 1.00  | White Oak .....     | 5.00           |
| Centre Road.....    | 1.50  | Thumb Swamp .....   | 1.00           |
| Cypress Creek.....  | 2.00  | Yates Chapel.....   | 1.00           |
| Frenches Creek..... | 1.50  | Loves Grove.....    | 1.00           |
| Galud .....         | 10.00 | Peters Creek.....   | 1.00           |
| Salt Marsh.....     | 2.00  | Shiloh .....        | 2.00           |
| Sandy Grove .....   | 1.00  |                     |                |
|                     |       |                     | <u>\$42.00</u> |

Rev. I. P. Hedgepeth addressed the Association on the duty of giving.

The following pledges were made for State Missions to be paid by December 1, 1897, viz.; D. S. Tatom, A. J. Freeman, R. L. Byrd, F. S. Averitt, W. S. Melvin, and Mrs. H. M. Cashwell, \$1.00 each; W. F. Melvin, Mrs. W. F. Melvin, and Mrs. Collins, 50 cents each.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion the Association agreed to hold its next session with the White Oak Church, commencing on Wednesday before the second Sunday in November, 1898. Rev. I. P. Hedgepeth to preach the Introductory Sermon; Rev. R. L. Byrd, alternate.

The Association then adjourned for 45 minutes.

### THIRD DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called together by singing.

On motion the resolution passed on the first day of this session in regard to sanctification, was reconsidered and the following resolutions substituted in its stead.

Resolved 1st. That this Association regards The Doctrine of Modern Sinless Sanctification as unscriptural.

2nd. That the churches of this Association are hereby earnestly exhorted to withdraw fellowship from all members that teach it.

## REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage at Thomasville is one of the grandest institutions the Baptists of North Carolina have. It is now under the care of Rev. J. B. Boone. About 150 helpless children are cared for and trained at the Orphanage. Let each one of us help in this good work and encourage our churches and Sunday Schools to contribute to it. We would recommend that each church in th's Association take at least one collection during the year, and that the Sunday Schools take collections monthly. We also recommend "Charity and Children," the paper published at the Orphanage.

Respectfully Submitted,

F. S. AVERITT.

Pending a motion for adoption, remarks were made by J. C. Caddell. A cash collection was then taken for the Orphanage amounting to \$2.72.

Report adopted.

There being no prepared Report on Foreign Missions, the subject was taken up and discussed by Rev. J. E. White. The list of churches called and pledges taken for Foreign Missions as follows:

|                        |       |                     |         |
|------------------------|-------|---------------------|---------|
| Browns Creek .....     | 2.00  | Zion Hill .....     | 2.00    |
| Bethel.....            | 1.00  | St. Joseph .....    | 1.00    |
| Abbotsburg.....        | 2.00  | Smith's Chapel..... | 1.00    |
| Brier Branch .....     | 1.00  | White Oak .....     | 5.00    |
| Cypress Creek... ..    | 1.00  | Hickory Grove.....  | 1.00    |
| Franches Creek .....   | 1.00  | Paradise .....      | 1.00    |
| Galud.....             | 15.00 | Yates Chapel .....  | 1.00    |
| Sandy Grove.....       | 1.00  | Peter's Creek ..... | 1.00    |
| Mt. Pleasant (b) ..... | 1.00  | Suggs Grove.....    | 1.00    |
| Salt Marsh.....        | 1.00  | Beards Chapel ..... | 1.00    |
| Clarkton .....         | 3.00  | Thumb Swamp .....   | 1.00    |
| Centre Road.....       | 1.00  | Loves Grove.....    | 2.00    |
| White Lake .....       | 5.00  | Shiloh .....        | 1.00    |
| Shady Grove .....      | 1.00  |                     |         |
|                        |       |                     | \$55.00 |

## REPORT OF CENTRAL UNION.

For the year ending November 10, 1897:

|                                                           |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid to Elder Wm. Brunt for preaching at St. Joseph.....  | 4.00    |
| Paid to Rev. D. L. Johnson for preaching at Waddells..... | 7.95    |
| Paid to Rev. R. L. Byrd for preaching at St. Josephs..... | 6.45    |
| Paid to Loves Grove Church.....                           | 17.10   |
|                                                           | \$35.50 |

Report received.

F. S. AVERITT,  
Treasurer Central Union.

On motion the missionaries doing work in this Association be requested to make quarterly reports to the Secretary of the State Board.

On motion Elder Wm. Brunt was appointed a member of the State Board of Missions and Sunday Schools, and that the Association pay his expenses while attending the meetings of the Board.

Wm. Brunt, R. L. Byrd, and A. J. Freeman, were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention, and R. L. Byrd to the Southern Baptist Convention.

## FINANCE REPORT.

|                        |       |                              |          |
|------------------------|-------|------------------------------|----------|
| Minute Fund .....      | 10.39 | Ministers' Relief Fund ..... | 14.22    |
| State Missions .....   | 35.20 | Education .....              | 10.12    |
| Foreign Missions ..... | 16.50 | Association Missions .....   | 4.16     |
| Home Missions .....    | 13.25 |                              |          |
| Orphanage .....        | 6.83  |                              |          |
|                        |       |                              | \$110.67 |

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. TATOM,  
G. W. REGISTER,  
C. C. EVERITT.

The Finance Committee was instructed to pay over the funds in their hands to the Treasurer.

## REPORT OF FORMER TREASURER.

## RECEIVED.

|                                                            |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| November 7, 1896, from Finance Committee at Hickory Grove: |          |
| For Minute Fund .....                                      | 10.70    |
| " State Missions .....                                     | 17.86    |
| " Foreign Missions .....                                   | 57.35    |
| " Home Missions .....                                      | 19.71    |
| " Association Missions .....                               | 12.31    |
| " Orphanage .....                                          | 9.80     |
| " Ministers Relief .....                                   | 2.50     |
| " Education .....                                          | 14.67    |
|                                                            | \$144.92 |

## DISBURSED.

|                                                          |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| To Clerk of Association for Minute Fund .....            | 10.72 |
| " State Missions .....                                   | 17.86 |
| " Foreign Missions .....                                 | 57.35 |
| " Home Missions .....                                    | 19.71 |
| " Orphanage .....                                        | 9.80  |
| " Ministers Relief .....                                 | 2.50  |
| " Education .....                                        | 14.67 |
| " Treasurer of Central Union for Association Missions .. | 7.81  |
| " Postage .....                                          | 24    |
| " Balance on hand for Association Missions .....         | 4.76  |

\$144.92

C. B. PRIDGEN,  
Treasurer.

Report adopted.

On motion bro. Pridgen was instructed to pay over the balance in the Treasury to the Treasurer of the Bladen Union.

On motion the present Treasurer was instructed to pay over the funds in his hands to the different objects.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the brethren and citizens of this town and community for their kind hospitality to the delegates and visitors who have attended this meeting.

J. C. CADDELL.

On motion the Association adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. I. P. Hedgepeth.

REV. W. S. MELVIN,  
Moderator.

F. S. AVERITT,

Clerk.



## PASTORS AND CLERKS.

| CHURCHES.         | PASTORS AND POST OFFICES.      | CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.     |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Browns Creek..    |                                | W. B. Hester, Elizabethtown  |
| Abbottsburg ..    | I. P. Hedgepeth, Lumberton     | G. W. Smith, Abbottsburg.    |
| Bethel. ....      | W. S. Melvin, Winnie ..        | C. E. King, Moscow.          |
| Clarkton .....    | W. S. Ballard, Clarkton....    | J. W. Hester, Clarkton       |
| Brier Branch ..   | W. S. Melvin, Winnie.. ....    | C. S. Long, Downingsville.   |
| Centre Road ..    | W. L. Brisson, Guyton.. ..     | John Cheshire, Brompton.     |
| Cypress Creek..   | Wm. Brunt, Winnie .....        | L. H. Cain, Cypress Creek.   |
| Frenches Creek    | J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington     | E. W. Moore, Kellys.         |
| Galud .....       | I. P. Hedgepeth, Lumberton     | T. J. Freeman, Bladenboro.   |
| Mt. Pleasant, (b) | J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington     | J. M. Davis, Registers.      |
| Shady Grove... .. | C. E. Beard, Winnie.. ..       | Z. G. Thompson, Abbottsburg. |
| Salt Marsh .....  | J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington     | M. P. Peterson, Nat More.    |
| Sandy Grove ..    | C. E. Beard, Winnie .....      | A. Z. Davis, Bladenboro.     |
| White Lake. ....  | J. H. Dobson, Kerr .....       | R. H. Marshburn, Ham.        |
| Waddells. ....    | D. L. Johnson, Downingsville   | H. I. Long, Elizabethtown.   |
| Zion Hill .....   | W. M. Brisson, Guyton .....    | M. Hester, Bladenboro.       |
| St. Joseph .....  |                                | W. F. Melvin, Elkton.        |
| Smiths Chapel..   | W. S. Melvin, Winnie.. ....    | Wiley Cain, Garland.         |
| Beards Chapel ..  | W. S. Melvin, Winnie.. ....    | R. Smith, Cypress Creek.     |
| White Oak .....   | J. G. Fisher, Roslin.....      | D. M. Melvin, Winnie.        |
| Mt Pleasant (s)   | D. L. Johnson, Downingsville   | W. C. Melvin.                |
| Hickory Grove..   | E. W. Wooten, Wootens... ..    | Z. F. Allen, Brompton.       |
| Paradise. ....    | W. M. Brisson, Guyton .....    | M. H. Smith, White Hall.     |
| Cape Fear .....   | J. A. Dobson, Atkins .....     | B. A. Downing, Elizabetht'n. |
| Yates Chapel.. .. | W. S. Melvin, Winnie .....     | L. P. Tatom, Dawsons Landing |
| Loves Grove ...   | R. L. Byrd, Taylorsville... .. | E. L. Singletary, Tar Heel.  |
| Thumb Swamp ..    | Henry Carter .....             | W. J. Smith.                 |
| Shiloh .....      | C. E. Beard, Winnie.. .....    | W. H. Averitt, Willis Creek. |



# STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES.        | Baptised. | By Letter. | Restored. | Dismissed. | Died. | Total Membership. |          | Pastor's Salary. | Church Expenses. | Poor. | Repairs. | Minute Fund. | State Missions. | Foreign Missions. |       | Home Missions. | Associational Missions. | Orphanage. | Ministers Relief. | Education. | Other Objects. | Grand Total. | TIME OF PREACHING. |
|------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-------|-------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|-------|----------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------|----------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|
|                  |           |            |           |            |       | Males.            | Females. |                  |                  |       |          |              |                 |                   |       |                |                         |            |                   |            |                |              |                    |
| Brown's Creek.   | 1         | 1          | 1         | 4          | 4     | 34                | 51       | 36.00            | ...              | ...   | 1.04     | 25           | 1.79            | 7.28              | 60    | 1.06           | 1.06                    | ...        | ...               | ...        | ...            | 46.82        | 1st Sunday         |
| Abbottsburg.     | 3         | ...        | ...       | 11         | 11    | 17                | 40       | 25.16            | ...              | ...   | 2.00     | 40           | 2.60            | 3.24              | 3.62  | 2.32           | 1.46                    | ...        | ...               | ...        | 11.25          | 50.80        | 1st Sunday         |
| Bethel...        | ...       | ...        | 2         | 1          | 1     | 27                | 33       | 20.00            | ...              | ...   | ...      | 50           | 1.50            | 1.25              | 1.64  | ...            | ...                     | ...        | ...               | ...        | ...            | 28.79        | 1st Sunday         |
| Clarkton.        | 1         | 4          | 1         | 1          | 1     | 24                | 23       | 50.00            | ...              | ...   | ...      | 30           | 1.83            | 12.33             | 1.01  | 25             | 25                      | ...        | 20                | ...        | ...            | 63.84        | 3d Sunday          |
| Brier Branch.    | 7         | 1          | 2         | 7          | 2     | 22                | 58       | 36.00            | ...              | 2.10  | ...      | 30           | 1.50            | 1.00              | 1.00  | ...            | ...                     | 15         | 10                | 1.00       | 2.25           | 42.10        | 3d Sunday          |
| Centre Road.     | ...       | ...        | 1         | 2          | ...   | 34                | 39       | 40.00            | 4.00             | ...   | ...      | 75           | 1.00            | 1.30              | ...   | ...            | ...                     | ...        | ...               | ...        | ...            | 47.25        | 2d Sunday.         |
| Cypress Creek.   | 2         | 1          | 1         | 2          | ...   | 29                | 60       | 89               | ...              | ...   | ...      | 50           | 1.55            | 1.35              | 75    | ...            | ...                     | 2.28       | 75                | ...        | ...            | 3.55         | 4th Sunday.        |
| Franches Creek   | 5         | ...        | 1         | 4          | 1     | 38                | 78       | 75.00            | ...              | ...   | ...      | ...          | ...             | ...               | ...   | ...            | ...                     | ...        | ...               | ...        | ...            | 82.48        | ...                |
| Kates Chapel     | ...       | ...        | ...       | ...        | ...   | ...               | ...      | ...              | ...              | ...   | ...      | ...          | ...             | ...               | ...   | ...            | ...                     | ...        | ...               | ...        | ...            | ...          | ...                |
| Galud            | 1         | 1          | 1         | ...        | ...   | 53                | 88       | 125.00           | ...              | ...   | ...      | 1.55         | 15.00           | 18.49             | 16.44 | 26.65          | ...                     | ...        | 8.62              | 14.88      | 26.03          | 252.66       | 1st Sunday.        |
| Mt. Pleasant.(b) | 4         | ...        | 3         | 1          | 2     | 21                | 45       | 66               | ...              | ...   | ...      | 25           | ...             | 50                | ...   | ...            | ...                     | ...        | ...               | 50         | ...            | 1.25         | 4th Sunday.        |
| Shady Grove.     | 8         | ...        | 1         | 1          | 2     | 25                | 58       | 26.00            | ...              | ...   | ...      | ...          | ...             | ...               | ...   | 4.00           | ...                     | ...        | ...               | ...        | ...            | 30.00        | 3d Sunday.         |
| Suggs Grove.     | ...       | ...        | ...       | ...        | ...   | ...               | ...      | ...              | ...              | ...   | ...      | ...          | ...             | ...               | ...   | ...            | ...                     | ...        | ...               | ...        | ...            | ...          | ...                |
| Salt Marsh.      | 8         | 4          | 3         | ...        | 1     | 38                | 33       | 48.00            | 84.85            | 3.00  | ...      | 50           | ...             | 1.00              | 1.00  | ...            | ...                     | ...        | 1.00              | 50         | ...            | 139.85       | 1st Sunday.        |
| Sandy Grove.     | 1         | 1          | 3         | 1          | 1     | 43                | 60       | 32.35            | ...              | ...   | ...      | 10           | ...             | 2.18              | ...   | ...            | ...                     | ...        | ...               | 4.34       | ...            | 38.97        | 4th Sunday.        |
| White Lake.      | ...       | ...        | ...       | 3          | 4     | 55                | 85       | 140              | ...              | ...   | ...      | 60           | 4.50            | ...               | 3.25  | ...            | 5.00                    | ...        | ...               | 70         | ...            | 16.05        | ...                |
| Waddells.        | ...       | ...        | ...       | ...        | ...   | 14                | 15       | 9.00             | ...              | ...   | ...      | ...          | ...             | ...               | ...   | ...            | ...                     | ...        | ...               | ...        | ...            | 9.00         | 4th Sunday.        |
| Zion Hill.       | ...       | ...        | ...       | 3          | 4     | 19                | 32       | 26.30            | ...              | ...   | 15.00    | ...          | 1.00            | 1.00              | 2.00  | ...            | ...                     | ...        | ...               | 42         | 3.85           | 49.57        | 3d Sunday.         |
| St. Joseph.      | ...       | ...        | ...       | ...        | ...   | 12                | 9        | 20.00            | ...              | ...   | ...      | ...          | 50              | 50                | ...   | ...            | ...                     | ...        | ...               | 50         | ...            | 21.50        | ...                |
| Edwards Chapel   | ...       | ...        | ...       | ...        | ...   | ...               | ...      | ...              | ...              | ...   | ...      | ...          | ...             | ...               | ...   | ...            | ...                     | ...        | ...               | ...        | ...            | ...          | ...                |
| Simth's Chapel.  | 2         | ...        | ...       | 11         | ...   | 33                | 51       | ...              | ...              | ...   | ...      | 10           | ...             | 2.50              | 50    | ...            | 1.00                    | ...        | ...               | ...        | ...            | 4.10         | ...                |
| Beards Chapel.   | 5         | 1          | ...       | 1          | 1     | 26                | 32       | 60.00            | ...              | 5.00  | ...      | 26           | 1.00            | 1.00              | ...   | ...            | ...                     | 1.00       | ...               | ...        | ...            | 67.26        | 3d Sunday.         |
| White Oak.       | 5         | 4          | 5         | 7          | 4     | 82                | 136      | 75.00            | ...              | 25.72 | ...      | 50           | 5.00            | 5.00              | 5.00  | ...            | 5.45                    | ...        | 6.00              | 5.00       | 14.60          | 148.27       | 4th Sunday.        |

| Mt. Pleasant (s) | 9   | 1   | 6   | 1   | 66  | 127 | 193 | 60.00 | ...   | ...    | ...   | 1.20  | 9.00  | 7.46 | 2.00  | 41    | 2.00  | 2.00  | 1.00  | 5.88  | ...   | ...   | 1st Sunday        |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|
| Hickory Grove.   | 9   | 1   | 6   | 1   | 66  | 127 | 193 | 60.00 | ...   | ...    | ...   | 1.20  | 9.00  | 7.46 | 2.00  | 41    | 2.00  | 2.00  | 1.00  | 5.88  | ...   | ...   | 90.95 2d Sunday.  |
| Paradise.        | 1   | ... | ... | 3   | 2   | 18  | 28  | 46    | 14.05 | ...    | 5.00  | ...   | 50    | 1.00 | 50    | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | 21.05 3d Sunday   |
| Cape Fear        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20.00 | ...   | ...    | ...   | 25    | 50    | ...  | ...   | 40    | 1.00  | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | 22.15 3d Sunday.  |
| Yates Chapel.    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11  | 9   | 20  | 25.00 | ...   | ...    | ...   | 40    | 1.00  | 2.00 | 1.00  | ...   | 2.52  | ...   | ...   | 2.42  | ...   | ...   | 34.74 2d Sunday.  |
| Corinth.         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...   | ...   | ...    | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...  | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...               |
| Loves Grove.     | 2   | 9   | ... | ... | 17  | 13  | 30  | ...   | ...   | 3.00   | 10    | 1.00  | ...   | ...  | ...   | 40    | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | 4.50 1st Sunday.  |
| Thumb Swamp.     | 2   | 3   | 1   | ... | 25  | 22  | 47  | ...   | ...   | ...    | 50    | ...   | ...   | 1.00 | 1.00  | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | 2.50              |
| Peter's Creek.   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...   | ...   | ...    | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...  | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...               |
| Shiloh.          | 2   | ... | 6   | 5   | 3   | 34  | 63  | 97    | 60.00 | 2.70   | ...   | 35    | 2.97  | 1.00 | 1.00  | ...   | 89    | 1.23  | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | 70.10 1st Sunday. |
| ...              | 68  | 31  | 21  | 31  | 67  | 29  | 827 | 1288  | 2115  | 882.86 | 88.85 | 12.80 | 51.76 | 9.61 | 54.00 | 72.59 | 44.85 | 83.17 | 24.33 | 20.90 | 25.00 | 70.62 | 1380.22           |

## SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

| CHURCHES.         | Officers and Teachers. |           | School Expenses. | Contributions. | Volumes in Library. | Papers, &c., Taken. | Months School Kept Open. | SUPERINTENDENTS AND<br>THEIR POST OFFICES. |
|-------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                   |                        | Scholars. |                  |                |                     |                     |                          |                                            |
| Browns Creek..    | 4                      | 1         | ...              | ...            | ...                 | ...                 | ...                      | J. D. Edwards, Elizabethtown.              |
| Abbottsburg ..... | 6                      | 27        | 5.00             | .....          | 36                  | 24                  | 12                       | R. B. Buie, Abbottsburg.                   |
| Bethel.....       | 4                      | 18        | ...              | ...            | ...                 | ...                 | ...                      | D. J. Allen, Dublin.                       |
| Clarkton..        | 6                      | 33        | 2.00             | .....          | 21                  | ...                 | ...                      | J. I. Hester, Clarkton.                    |
| Brier Branch...   | 8                      | 31        | ...              | 1.05           | 75                  | 2                   | 8                        | C. L. Long, Downingsville.                 |
| Centre Road....   | 6                      | 47        | 50               | 1.60           | ...                 | 14                  | ...                      | L. T. Hester, Guyton.                      |
| Cypress Creek..   | 6                      | 38        | ...              | ...            | ...                 | ...                 | ...                      | M. McK. Smith, Cypress Creek.              |
| Frenches Creek.   | 8                      | 108       | ...              | 3.25           | ...                 | 48                  | 12                       | E. H. Andrews, Kellys.                     |
| Galud.. .....     | 7                      | 128       | ...              | 27.40          | ...                 | 145                 | 12                       | H. C. Bridgers, Bladenboro.                |
| Mt. Pleasant, (b) | ...                    | ...       | ...              | ...            | ...                 | ...                 | ...                      | S. H. Hilburn, Registers.                  |
| Shady Grove...    | 4                      | 30        | ...              | ...            | ...                 | ...                 | ...                      | W. J. Burk, Abbottsburg.                   |
| Salt Marsh.. ...  | 7                      | 37        | ...              | ...            | ...                 | ...                 | 12                       | W. J. Kelly, Nat More.                     |
| Sandy Grove...    | 7                      | 49        | ...              | ...            | ...                 | ...                 | 12                       | J. A. Davis, Bladenboro.                   |
| White Lake ...    | 4                      | 30        | ...              | ...            | 86                  | ...                 | ...                      | R. H. Marshburn, Ham.                      |
| Waddells .....    | ...                    | ...       | ...              | ...            | ...                 | ...                 | ...                      | ...                                        |
| Zion Hill. ....   | 4                      | 20        | ...              | ...            | 12                  | 10                  | ...                      | I. F. Hilburn, Bladenboro.                 |
| St. Joseph .....  | 3                      | 30        | ...              | ...            | ...                 | ...                 | ...                      | D. T. Clark, Elkton.                       |
| Smiths Chapel..   | ...                    | 85        | ...              | ...            | ...                 | ...                 | ...                      | A. D. Carter, Garland.                     |
| Beardes Chapel    | 4                      | 40        | ...              | ...            | ...                 | ...                 | ...                      | G. W. Long, Cypress Creek.                 |
| White Oak..       | 6                      | 40        | 5.00             | ...            | ...                 | 60                  | ...                      | D. W. Melvin, Winnie.                      |
| Mt. Pleasant, (s) | ...                    | ...       | ...              | ...            | ...                 | ...                 | ...                      | ...                                        |
| Hickory Grove..   | ...                    | ...       | ...              | ...            | ...                 | ...                 | ...                      | ...                                        |
| Paradise .....    | ...                    | ...       | ...              | 1.00           | ...                 | 12                  | ...                      | ...                                        |
| Cape Fear .....   | ...                    | ...       | ...              | ...            | ...                 | ...                 | ...                      | ...                                        |
| Yates Chapel... 5 | 60                     | 3.74      | 4.42             | ...            | 43                  | ...                 | ...                      | H. W. Cain, Winnie.                        |
| Loves Grove ...   | ...                    | ...       | ...              | ...            | ...                 | ...                 | ...                      | ...                                        |
| Thumb Swamp.      | ...                    | ...       | ...              | ...            | ...                 | ...                 | ...                      | ...                                        |
| Shiloh.. .....    | 8                      | 38        | ...              | 2.05           | ...                 | 20                  | 10                       | T. J. Ellis, Populi.                       |











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| BRUNT, WILLIAM..... | WINNIE, N. C.        |
| BEARD, C. E.....    | WINNIE, N. C.        |
| BRYAN, LEVI.....    | CYPRESS CREEK, N. C. |
| BORDEAUX, A. J..... | KELLY'S, N. C.       |
| BRISSON, W. M.....  | GUYTON, N. C.        |
| BRISSON, W. L.....  | GUYTON, N. C.        |
| CLARK, D. J.....    | CLARKTON, N. C.      |
| CARTER, HENRY.....  | GARLAND, N. C.       |
| DOWNING, J. W.....  | DOWNINGSVILLE, N. C. |
| FREEMAN, A. J.....  | BLADENBORO, N. C.    |
| HILBURN, R. M.....  | BLADENBORO, N. C.    |
| HILBURN, D. H.....  | BLADENBORO, N. C.    |
| HESTER, S.....      | BLADENBORO, N. C.    |
| JOHNSON, J. A.....  | ELIZABETHTOWN, N. C. |
| JOHNSON, D. L.....  | DOWNINGSVILLE, N. C. |
| MELVIN, W. S.....   | WINNIE, N. C.        |

## PROCEEDINGS.

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WHITE OAK CHURCH, November 9, 1898.

The Bladen County Baptist Association met in its seventh annual session with this church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth, from John 12:24. A recess of 45 minutes was then given for refreshments.

The Association then assembled in the house. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. L. Bryan. Rev. William Brunt and N. A. Layton were appointed a committee on Finance. Rev. L. Bryan and W. F. Melvin, Reading Clerks.

Letters were then called for, read and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

*Brown's Creek*—J. B. Melvin.

*Abbotsburg*—By Letter.

*Bethel*—Not represented.

*Clarkton*—J. I. Hester.

*Brier Branch*—J. W. Downing, M. Johnson, L. P. Downing.

*Centre Road*—I. H. Brisson, H. Cheshire, D. T. Pait.

*Cypress Creek*—M. McK. Smith, A. S. Smith, R. J. Mitchell.

*Frenches Creek*—E. H. Andrews, C. C. Everitt, A. W. Croom.

*Kates Chapel*—Not represented.

*Galeed*—F. S. Averitt, Ezra Lennon.

*Mt. Pleasant, B*—W. R. Blackburn, A. S. Register.

*Shady Grove*—Not represented.

*Suggs Grove*—Not represented.

*Salt Marsh*—J. H. Squires, W. J. Kelly, J. W. Collins.

*Sandy Grove*—D. T. Edwards, E. Storm, W. O. Guyton.

*White Lake*—S. Norris, K. Melvin, J. H. Marshburn.

*Waddells*—T. F. Meares, G. Marritt, Jas. Long.

*Zion Hill*—By Letter.

*St. Joseph*—W. F. Melvin.

*Edward's Chapel*—Not represented.

*Smith's Chapel*—Not represented.

*Beard's Chapel*—Not represented.

*White Oak*—D. M. Melvin, D. S. Tatum, A. Core.

*Mt. Pleasant, S*—Not represented.

*Hickory Grove*—L. P. Singletary, R. J. Sessoms, J. W. King.

*Paradise*—Not represented.

*Cape Fear*—M. P. Cain, C. Martin, J. W. Cashwell.

*Corinth*—Not represented.



*Yates Chapel*—H. W. Cain, J. W. Moody, L. P. Tatum.  
*Love's Grove*—L. B. Grimes, N. B. Singletary, Wm. Monroe.  
*Thumb Swamp*—J. Taylor, T. R. Robinson, D. Smith.  
*Peters Creek*—A. Simmons, A. S. Melvin, C. D. Faircloth.  
*Shiloh*—T. J. Ellis, J. W. Bullard.

The Association then re-organized by electing Elder W. S. Melvin, Moderator; F. S. Averitt, Clerk and Treasurer.

In behalf of the White Oak Church Rev. J. G. Fisher made an address of welcome to the Association and visitors, to which Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth responded.

Rev. J. W. Cobb, of the N. C. Baptist, Rev's I. P. Hedgpeth and Jos. Bennett, of Robeson Association, Rev. R. L. Byrd, of Cedar Creek Association, and Bro. Fleet H. Horn, of South River Association, were recognized and welcomed to seats.

The pastor and deacons of White Oak church were appointed a committee on Religious Exercises during the session.

#### REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

It is highly important to the expounding of the Word of God and to the success of the Baptist Church, that our ministers should be educated at our colleges. For the extension of our church we should not rely upon the doctrines alone, but our ministers should be sufficiently informed to explain and defend those doctrines. Our Saviour's last command was "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations." And how can they teach unless they have been taught?

Respectfully submitted,

F. S. AVERITT.

Remarks by I. P. Hedgpeth, J. W. Cobb and L. Bryan. Pledges were then taken for Education as follows:

|                    |         |                     |         |
|--------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| Brown's Creek..... | \$ 2 00 | St. Joseph.....     | \$ 50   |
| Abbottsburg.....   | 2 00    | Smith's Chapel..... | 1 00    |
| Bethel.....        | 1 00    | Beards Chapel.....  | 1 00    |
| Brier Branch.....  | 1 00    | White Oak.....      | 5 00    |
| Centre Road.....   | 1 00    | Hickory Grove.....  | 1 00    |
| Cypress Creek..... | 1 50    | Love's Grove.....   | 1 00    |
| Galeed.....        | 15 00   | Peters Creek.....   | 1 00    |
| Sandy Grove.....   | 2 00    | Shiloh.....         | 1 00    |
| White Lake.....    | 2 00    |                     |         |
| Zion Hill.....     | 1 00    | Total.....          | \$40 00 |

Report adopted. On motion 11 o'clock to-morrow was set for the report on Foreign Missions, to be followed by a sermon by I. P. Hedgpeth.

The Association then adjourned till 9:30 a. m., to-morrow. Prayer by Elder Wm. Brunt.

## SECOND DAY.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. R. L. Byrd. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

On motion, J. B. Melvin was recognized as a delegate from Brown's Creek. Several letters were then handed in and read and names of delegates enrolled. There being no prepared report on Home Missions, the report of 1897 was read. Remarks by Rev. R. L. Byrd. Pledges were then taken for Home Missions as follows:

|                     |         |                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| Brown's Creek.....  | \$ 2 00 | St. Joseph.....     | \$ 50   |
| Abbottsburg.....    | 2 00    | Beard's Chapel..... | 2 00    |
| Bethel.....         | 1 00    | White Oak.....      | 10 00   |
| Clarkton.....       | 1 00    | Hickory Grove.....  | 1 00    |
| Brier Branch.....   | 50      | Yate's Chapel.....  | 1 00    |
| Centre Road.....    | 1 00    | Love's Grove.....   | 1 00    |
| Cypress Creek.....  | 1 00    | Thumb Swamp.....    | 1 00    |
| French's Creek..... | 1 50    | Peters Creek.....   | 1 00    |
| Galeed.....         | 15 00   | Shiloh.....         | 2 00    |
| Salt Marsh.....     | 1 00    |                     |         |
| Sandy Grove.....    | 1 00    | Total.....          | \$47 50 |
| White Lake.....     | 1 00    |                     |         |

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

How dear the name of Jesus should be to the missionary when we think of the gospel being spread in the heathen land. Our blessed Saviour's great command "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, lo I am with you even to the end.

Respectfully submitted,

MITCHELL JOHNSON.

Sermon by Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth, from Mark 13: 34. A cash collection was then taken for Foreign Missions amounting to \$6.67. Pledges taken for Foreign Missions as follows:

|                      |         |                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| Brown's Creek.....   | \$ 2 00 | St. Joseph.....      | \$ 1 00 |
| Abbottsburg .....    | 3 00    | Beard's Chapel ..... | 1 00    |
| Bethel .....         | 1 00    | White Oak.....       | 5 00    |
| Clarkton .....       | 1 00    | Hickory Grove.....   | 1 00    |
| Brier Branch.....    | 1 00    | Yates' Chapel.....   | 1 50    |
| Centre Road.....     | 1 00    | Love's Grove.....    | 1 00    |
| Cypress Creek.....   | 1 00    | Thumb Swamp.....     | 2 00    |
| Frenches Creek ..... | 1 50    | Peter's Creek.....   | 1 00    |
| Galeed.....          | 15 00   | Shiloh .....         | 1 00    |
| Salt Marsh.....      | 1 00    |                      |         |
| Sandy Grove.....     | 1 00    | Total .....          | \$45 00 |
| White Lake.....      | 2 00    |                      |         |

Report adopted. The Association adjourned for 45 minutes.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

More and more we see the necessity of our people being informed concerning our denominational enterprises. It is not only a privilege of our people but a positive duty to inform themselves along these lines. To inform our people we would urge them to take and read all good literature. We especially recommend the Biblical Recorder, which for 65 years has been indorsed as the organ of our denomination. In all its long and useful history it has never been more effective and helpful than now. The N. C. Baptist, which is in reach of all who want to read it, is worthy of the patronage of our people. Charity and Children, which tells us all about the Orphanage. Now, brethren, these, or some of these, papers, you can get and you must have them.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. BRISSON.

Remarks by Rev's J. W. Cobb and J. G. Fisher, and the report adopted. At this point the letters from Cape Fear, Mt. Pleasant (B) and Frenches Creek churches were handed in and read.

Rev. O. L. Stringfield of the Baptist Female University, and Rev. John Prevatt of the South River Association, were welcomed to seats. Rev. O. L. Stringfield addressed the Association in the interest of Female Education.

The Association adjourned till 9:30 to-morrow. Benediction by the Moderator.

## THIRD DAY.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. L. Brisson. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

Bro. J. C. Caddell, of the Biblical Recorder, was welcomed to a seat.

On motion, it was agreed to hold the next session of this body with the Frenches Creek church, commencing Wednesday before the second Sunday in November, 1899. Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth to preach the introductory sermon; Elder William Brunt alternate. Writers for next session were appointed as follows:

*Home Missions*—Owen Register.

*Foreign Mission*—L. Bryon.

*Periodicals*—C. E. Beard.

*State Missions*—D. M. Melvin.

*Temperance*—W. L. Brisson.

*Ministers' Relief*—Wm. Brunt.

## REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The work of State Missions is the work which ought to interest every Baptist in North Carolina. We have about 104 missionaries on the destitute fields, and God has blessed their labors. Much destitution yet remains to be occupied. Over one million souls out of Christ. Brethren let us go forward and give more than we have been giving for this great cause. We have only about twenty days to save our missionaries and the cause of Christ from trailing in the dust.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. MELVIN.

Remarks by J. C. Caddell; a collection was then taken for State Missions amounting to \$7.57. Pledges were also made for State Missions as follows:

|                    |         |                     |         |
|--------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| Brown's Creek..... | \$ 2 00 | St. Joseph.....     | \$ 1 00 |
| Abbottsburg.....   | 1 00    | Smith's Chapel..... | 1 00    |
| Bethel.....        | 1 00    | Beard's Chapel..... | 2 00    |
| Clarkton.....      | 2 00    | White Oak.....      | 10 00   |
| Brier Branch.....  | 50      | Hickory Grove.....  | 2 00    |
| Centre Road.....   | 50      | Cape Fear.....      | 1 00    |



|                      |         |                    |         |
|----------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|
| Cypress Creek.....   | \$ 2 00 | Yate's Chapel..... | \$ 1 00 |
| French's Creek.....  | 3 00    | Thumb Spring.....  | 1 00    |
| Galeed.....          | 15 00   | Peters Creek.....  | 1 00    |
| Mt. Pleasant(B)..... | 1 00    | Shiloh.....        | 1 00    |
| Salt Marsh.....      | 1 50    |                    |         |
| Sandy Grove.....     | 2 00    | Total.....         | \$45 50 |
| White Lake.....      | 2 00    |                    |         |

Report adopted.

#### REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We have at Thomasville 170 orphan children who are dependent upon us for support. It costs \$4.66 per month to feed, clothe and educate each one. There are five hundred children who ought to be there. For the sake of the good to ourselves let us put forth greater efforts in our churches and Sunday-schools.

Respectfully submitted,

LIVE BRYAN.

After remarks by Rev. O. L. Stringfield a cash collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to \$10.15. Report adopted.

The Association then adjourned for 45 minutes.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called together by singing.

#### REPORT OF FORMER TREASURER.

Nov. 12, 1897—Received from Finance Committee at Clarkton:

|                                                        |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| For Minute Fund.....                                   | \$ 10 39 |
| For State Missions.....                                | 35 20    |
| For Foreign Missions.....                              | 16 50    |
| For Home Missions.....                                 | 13 25    |
| For Orphanage.....                                     | 6 83     |
| For Ministers' Relief.....                             | 14 29    |
| For Education.....                                     | 10 12    |
| For Association Missions.....                          | 4 16     |
| From former Treasurer for Association<br>Missions..... | 4 76     |
| Total received.....                                    | \$115 43 |

Amt. of receipts brought forward.....\$ 115 43

Nov. 12, 1897.

DISBURSED.

|                                                                      |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid J. E. White for the different objects<br>of the Convention..... | \$ 96 12 |
| Paid F. S. Averitt for Minute Fund....                               | 10 39    |
| Paid A. L. Tatum for Association Mis.                                | 4 76     |
| Paid Treasurer of Central Union for<br>Association Missions .....    | 4 00     |
| Postage.....                                                         | 7        |

Nov. 11, 1898—To balance on hand for Asso-  
ciation Missions..... 9

\$ 115 43      \$ 115 43

J. W. HESTER, *Treasurer*.

Report received.

Corresponding messengers to sister Associations were appointed as follows: Eastern, E. H. Andrews; Cape Fear, W. F. Melvin; South River, N. A. Layton; Robeson, W. L. Brisson; Cedar Creek, D. M. Melvin; to Baptist State Convention, H. C. Bridger and Wm. Brunt.

# REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF.

This is a part of our denominational work. The Board is situated in Durham, N. C., and is endeavoring to give a partial support to the old ministers and those dependent on them. This year the Board has assisted fourteen of these brethren. There are a number of these brethren in the State who need the help of this Board, and would secure such help if due application were made. At present we do not need any more than the churches are giving. So we ask that the churches of this Association contribute the same as last year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. CADDELL.

Remarks by J. C. Caddell. Pledges were then taken for Ministers' Relief as follows:

|                      |         |                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| Brown's Creek.....   | \$ 1 00 | St. Joseph.....      | \$ 50   |
| Abbottsburg .....    | 50      | Beard's Chapel ..... | 1 00    |
| Bethel .....         | 50      | White Oak.....       | 2 50    |
| Brier Branch.....    | 50      | Hickory Grove.....   | 1 00    |
| Cypress Creek.....   | 1 00    | Cape Pear .....      | 50      |
| Frenches Creek.....  | 1 00    | Yates' Chapel.....   | 1 00    |
| Galeed.....          | 5 00    | Love's Grove.....    | 1 00    |
| Mt. Pleasant, B..... | 1 00    | Thumb Swamp.....     | 1 00    |
| Salt Marsh.....      | 50      | Peter's Creek.....   | 1 00    |
| Sandy Grove.....     | 1 00    | Shiloh .....         | 1 00    |
| White Lake.....      | 1 00    |                      |         |
| Smith's Chapel.....  | 50      | Total .....          | \$24 00 |

Report adopted.

E. H. Andrews offered the following resolution which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Association request all the ministers that preach within the bounds of this Association to preach at least four sermons a year on the Doctrines of the Baptist Church.

On motion, it was ordered that the Association work be left with the Unions.

The thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the brethren and citizens of this town and community for their kind hospitality to the delegates and visitors who have attended this meeting.

On motion, the balance of the business of this meeting be turned over to the officers and Finance Committee.

The Association then adjourned.

F. S. AVERITT, W. S. MELVIN,  
*Clerk.* *Moderator.*

#### FINANCE REPORT.

|                        |          |                   |          |
|------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| State Missions.....    | \$ 33 37 | Orphanage .....   | \$ 20 04 |
| Foreign Missions.....  | 22 66    | Minute Fund ..... | 10 02    |
| Home Missions.....     | 11 24    |                   |          |
| Association Missions.. | 7 99     | Total .....       | \$123 89 |
| Ministers' Relief..... | 5 00     |                   |          |

Respectfully submitted,  
WILLIAM BRUNT,  
N. A. LAYTON,  
Committee.

It was agreed that the Clerk take the minute funds and Association funds to pay the expense of getting out the minutes of the Association and take the balance for his services.

#### REPORT OF W. M. S. SOCIETY OF GALEED CHURCH.

|                        |         |                     |         |
|------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| Christmas offering.... | \$ 4 00 | State Missions..... | 4 25    |
| Home Missions.....     | 4 00    |                     |         |
|                        |         | Total .....         | \$12 25 |

MISS M. E. SINGLETARY, MISS S. D. SINGLETARY,  
*Secretary.* *President.*

## PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

| CHURCHES.             | PASTORS AND P. O.                  | CLERKS AND P. O.               |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Abbottsburg .....     | I. P. Hedgpeth, Lumberton....      | G. W. Smith, Abbottsburg.      |
| Clarkton .....        | W. S. Ballard, Clarkton .....      | J. W. Hester, Clarkton.        |
| Brier Branch .....    | W. S. Melvin, Winnie .....         | M. Johnson, Downingsville.     |
| Centre Road .....     | W. L. Brisson, Guyton .....        | John Cheshire, Brompton.       |
| Cypress Creek .....   | Wm. Brunt, Winnie .....            | L. H. Cain, Cypress Creek.     |
| Frenches' Creek ..... | J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington .....   | E. W. Moore, Kelly's.          |
| Galeed .....          | I. P. Hedgpeth, Lumberton .....    | T. C. Hilburn, Bladenboro.     |
| Mt. Pleasant .....    | J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington .....   | A. S. Register, Register.      |
| Salt Marsh .....      | J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington .....   | M. P. Peterson.                |
| Sandy Grove .....     | C. E. Beard, Winnie .....          | L. Z. Davis, Bladenbors.       |
| White Lake .....      | J. H. Dobson, Kerr .....           | R. H. Marshburn, Ham.          |
| Waddells .....        | D. L. Johnson, Downingsville ..... | W. P. Smith, Elizabethtown.    |
| Zion Hill .....       | W. M. Brisson, Guyton .....        | M. Hester, Bladenboro.         |
| White Oak .....       | J. G. Fisher, Roslin .....         | D. M. Melvin, Winnie.          |
| Hickory Grove .....   | E. W. Wooten, Wootens .....        | G. F. Allen, Brompton.         |
| Cape Fear .....       | Wm. Brunt, Winnie .....            | D. A. Downing, Elizabethtown.  |
| Yate's Chapel .....   | W. S. Melvin, Winnie .....         | L. P. Tatam, Dawson's Landing. |
| Love's Grove .....    | R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville .....      | N. B. Singletary, Tar Heel.    |
| Thumb Swamp .....     | Henry Carter, Garland .....        | W. J. Smith, White Hall.       |
| Peter's Creek .....   | W. S. Melvin, Winnie .....         | Alex Simmons, Floyd.           |
| Shiloh .....          | C. E. Beard, Winnie .....          | W. A. Sewell, Willis' Creek.   |

## SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

| CHURCHES.             | Officers and Teachers. | Scholars. | School Expenses. | Contributions. | Papers and Quar. taken. | SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES. |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Abbottsburg .....     | 5                      | 28        | \$ 4 00          | \$ 4 00        | 33                      | R. B. Buie, Abbottsburg.               |
| Clarkton .....        |                        |           |                  |                |                         | J. H. Prewitt, Clarkton.               |
| Frenches' Creek ..... | 8                      | 108       | 7 48             |                | 68                      | E. H. Andrews, Kelly's.                |
| Galeed .....          | 6                      | 125       |                  | 25 00          | 145                     | F. P. Callihan, Bladenbor              |
| Mt. Pleasant .....    |                        |           |                  |                |                         | J. M. Davis, Register.                 |
| Salt Marsh .....      | 5                      | 87        | 6 56             |                | 31                      | J. H. Squires, Nat Moore.              |
| Sandy Grove .....     | 7                      | 35        |                  |                |                         | I. H. Davis, Bladenboro.               |
| White Lake .....      |                        | 37        |                  |                |                         | R. H. Marshburn, Ham.                  |
| Zion Hill .....       | 3                      | 20        |                  |                | 1                       | M. Hester, Bladenboro.                 |
| Yate's Chapel .....   | 9                      | 73        | 4 80             |                | 1                       |                                        |
| Love's Grove .....    | 2                      | 10        |                  |                | 1                       | N. B. Singletary, Tar Heel.            |
| Peter's Creek .....   | 5                      | 30        |                  |                |                         | A. S. Melvin, Floyd.                   |



STATISTICAL TABLE.

| CHURCHES.        | Baptized. | By Letter. | Dismissed. | Excluded. | Died. | Males. | Females. | Total Membership. | Pastor's Salary. | Church Expenses. | Poor.   | Repairs.  | Minute Fund. | State Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Home Missions. | Associational Missions. | Orphanage. | Minister's Relief. | Education. | Other Objects. | Grand Total. | Time of Preaching. |
|------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------|--------|----------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|---------|-----------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Brown's Creek    | 2         | 1          | 1          | 1         | 1     | 18     | 39       | 57                | 50 00            |                  |         |           | 50           | 2 76            | 2 70              | 2 39           |                         |            | 1 89               | 15         |                | 11 90        | 75 49 1 S.         |
| Abbotsburg       |           |            |            |           |       |        |          |                   |                  |                  |         |           |              |                 |                   |                |                         |            |                    |            |                |              |                    |
| Bethel           |           |            |            |           |       |        |          |                   |                  |                  |         |           |              |                 |                   |                |                         |            |                    |            |                |              |                    |
| Clarkton         | 2         | 1          | 2          | 1         | 2     | 24     | 47       | 71                | 50 00            |                  |         |           | 50           |                 | 2 10              |                |                         |            |                    |            |                |              | 54 60 3 S.         |
| Brier Branch     |           |            |            |           |       | 17     | 28       | 45                | 65 00            |                  |         |           |              |                 |                   |                |                         |            |                    |            |                |              | 66 26 2 S.         |
| Centre Road      | 6         | 3          | 3          | 6         | 3     | 34     | 39       | 73                | 20 00            | 1 75             |         |           | 40           | 1 50            | 1 00              | 1 00           |                         |            | 33                 |            | 4 80           |              | 30 45 2 S.         |
| Cypress Creek    |           |            |            |           |       | 1      | 27       | 86                | 60 00            |                  |         |           | 66           | 90              |                   |                |                         |            |                    |            |                |              | 61 50 4 S.         |
| Frenches Creek   |           |            |            |           |       | 1      | 25       | 82                | 60 00            |                  |         |           | 50           | 1 50            | 8 40              | 1 00           | 1 00                    |            | 1 00               | 1 00       | 91             |              | 75 31 1 S.         |
| Kate's Chapel    |           |            |            |           |       |        |          |                   |                  |                  |         |           |              |                 |                   |                |                         |            |                    |            |                |              |                    |
| Galeed.          | 4         | 1          | 1          | 1         | 1     | 55     | 90       | 145               | 125 00           |                  |         |           | 2 00         | 18 34           | 34 88             | 18 09          | 8 67                    | 3 01       |                    | 16 39      | 17 77          |              | 244 15 1 S.        |
| Mt. Pleasant, B. | 2         | 2          | 2          | 1         | 2     | 22     | 44       | 66                | 26 92            |                  |         |           | 50           |                 |                   |                | 1 00                    |            |                    |            |                |              | 28 42              |
| Shady Grove      |           |            |            |           |       |        |          |                   |                  |                  |         |           |              |                 |                   |                |                         |            |                    |            |                |              |                    |
| Suggs Grove      |           |            |            |           |       |        |          |                   |                  |                  |         |           |              |                 |                   |                |                         |            |                    |            |                |              |                    |
| Salt Marsh       | 7         | 6          | 3          | 2         | 7     | 37     | 43       | 80                | 50 00            | 14 00            | 5 00    |           | 50           | 2 00            | 1 00              | 1 00           |                         | 70         | 80                 | 1 00       |                |              | 76 00 1 S.         |
| Sandy Grove      | 5         |            |            |           |       | 42     | 65       | 107               | 25 75            |                  |         |           |              |                 |                   |                |                         |            |                    |            |                |              | 25 75 4 S.         |
| White Lake       | 2         | 2          | 6          | 2         |       | 55     | 88       | 143               |                  |                  |         |           |              | 4 55            | 5 74              | 5 00           |                         | 2 03       | 50                 |            | 50             |              | 18 32              |
| Waddells         |           |            |            |           |       |        |          |                   |                  |                  |         |           |              |                 |                   |                |                         |            |                    |            |                |              |                    |
| Zion Hill        |           |            |            |           |       |        |          |                   |                  |                  |         |           |              |                 |                   |                |                         |            |                    |            |                |              |                    |
| St. Joseph       | 1         | 1          | 1          | 1         | 1     | 29     | 32       | 61                | 30 00            |                  |         | 1 45      | 35           | 1 22            | 2 00              | 1 00           |                         |            | 1 00               | 1 00       | 4 26           |              | 46 29 3 S.         |
| Edwards' Chapel  |           |            |            |           |       |        |          |                   |                  |                  |         |           |              |                 |                   |                |                         |            |                    |            |                |              |                    |
| Smith's Chapel   |           |            |            |           |       |        |          |                   |                  |                  |         |           |              |                 |                   |                |                         |            |                    |            |                |              |                    |
| Beard's Chapel   |           |            |            |           |       |        |          |                   |                  |                  |         |           |              |                 |                   |                |                         |            |                    |            |                |              |                    |
| White Oak        | 4         | 8          | 3          | 1         | 4     | 82     | 144      | 226               | 100 00           |                  |         | 109 10    | 60           | 5 00            | 5 00              | 5 00           | 5 00                    | 3 16       |                    |            | 1 19           |              | 233 95 4 S.        |
| Mt. Pleasant, S. |           |            |            |           |       |        |          |                   |                  |                  |         |           |              |                 |                   |                |                         |            |                    |            |                |              |                    |
| Hickory Grove    | 2         | 1          | 6          | 3         | 1     | 65     | 118      | 183               | 51 25            |                  |         |           | 62           | 10 79           | 4 83              | 3 98           |                         | 3 45       | 1 00               |            | 1 00           |              | 77 32 3 S.         |
| Paradise         |           |            |            |           |       |        |          |                   |                  |                  |         |           |              |                 |                   |                |                         |            |                    |            |                |              |                    |
| Cape Fear        |           |            |            |           |       |        |          |                   |                  |                  |         |           |              |                 |                   |                |                         |            |                    |            |                |              |                    |
| Yates' Chapel    |           |            |            |           |       |        |          |                   |                  |                  |         |           |              |                 |                   |                |                         |            |                    |            |                |              |                    |
| Corinth          |           |            |            |           |       | 10     | 11       | 21                |                  |                  |         |           | 45           | 1 00            | 1 00              | 1 00           | 1 10                    |            |                    |            |                |              | 1 10               |
| Love's Grove     | 2         | 2          | 1          | 2         | 1     | 14     | 16       | 30                | 41 00            |                  |         | 11 06     | 25           | 2 78            | 85                | 68             | 1 00                    |            |                    | 1 00       |                |              | 61 72 3 S.         |
| Thumb Swamp      | 3         | 2          | 1          | 2         | 2     | 27     | 25       | 52                |                  |                  |         |           | 25           | 1 00            | 1 00              | 1 00           |                         |            |                    |            |                |              | 3 25 2 S.          |
| Peter's Creek    | 5         | 1          | 1          | 2         | 2     | 33     | 41       | 94                | 60 00            |                  |         |           | 65           |                 |                   |                |                         |            |                    |            |                |              | 1 05 4 S.          |
| Shiloh           | 2         | 1          | 2          | 3         | 3     | 22     | 61       | 93                |                  |                  |         |           | 25           | 2 00            | 1 00              |                |                         | 50         |                    | 13         | 1 00           |              | 65 88 1 S.         |
| Total            | 36        | 27         | 19         | 40        | 54    | 649    | 1059     | 1,851             | \$ 749 92        | \$ 84 75         | \$ 5 00 | \$ 121 61 | \$ 9 22      | \$ 55 34        | \$ 71 93          | \$ 42 14       | \$ 17 77                | \$ 16 07   | \$ 3 78            | \$ 21 80   | 40 92          | \$ 1250 86   |                    |





**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**Bladen County Baptist Association,**

**HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT**  
**French's Creek, Bladen County, N. C.**  
**NOVEMBER 8, 9 AND 10, 1899.**

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**OFFICERS.**

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**MODERATOR:**  
**ELDER W. S. MELVIN, Winnie, N. C.**

**CLERK AND TREAS.:**  
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# MINUTES

OF THE

## EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# Bladen County Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

French's Creek, Bladen County, N. C.

NOVEMBER 8, 9 AND 10, 1899.

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### OFFICERS.

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# ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

|                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| BRUNT, WILLIAM ..... | Winnie, N. C.        |
| BEARD, C. E. ....    | Winnie, N. C.        |
| BRYAN, LEVI .....    | Cypress Creek, N. C. |
| BRISSON, W. M. ....  | Guyton, N. C.        |
| BRISSON, W. L. ....  | Guyton, N. C.        |
| CLARK, D. J. ....    | Clarkton, N. C.      |
| CARTER, HENRY .....  | Garland, N. C.       |
| DOWNING, J. W. ....  | Downingsville, N. C. |
| FREEMAN, A. J. ....  | Bladenboro, N. C.    |
| HILBURN, R. M. ....  | Pine Bluff, N. C.    |
| HILBURN, D. H. ....  | Bladenboro, N. C.    |
| HESTER, S. ....      | Bladenboro, N. C.    |
| JOHNSON, J. A. ....  | Elizabethtown, N. C. |
| JOHNSON, D. L. ....  | Downingsville, N. C. |
| MELVIN, W. S. ....   | Winnie, N. C.        |

## PROCEEDINGS.

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FRENCH'S CREEK CHURCH, November 8, 1899.

The Bladen County Baptist Association met in its eighth annual session with this church. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder E. J. Edwards, from 2nd. Timothy 3-16. A recess of 45 minutes was given for refreshments.

The Association then assembled in the house. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator.

E. H. Anders and A. W. Croom were appointed a Committee on Finance. N. A. Layton and E. J. Edwards, Reading Clerks.

Letters were then called for, read and names of delegates enrolled as follows :

BROWN'S CREEK—C. R. Hester, J. B. Melvin, J. D. Edwards

ABBOTTSBURG—E. W. Baldwin, R. A. Russ, Jas. Russ.

BETHEL—By Letter.

CLARKTON—Not represented.

BRIER BRANCH—M. Johnson, J. W. Downing, L. P. Downing.

CENTRE ROAD—W. M. Brisson, W. L. Brisson.

FRENCH'S CREEK—E. H. Anders, H. R. Peterson, A. W. Croom.

CYPRESS CREEK—A. S. Smith, A. L. Cain.

GALEED—F. D. McLean, J. W. Callihan, F. S. Averitt.

MT. PLEASANT (B)—S. H. Hilburn, Alex Register.

SHADY GROVE—By Letter.

SUGG'S GROVE—C. D. Ray, L. M. Dew.

SALT MARSH—J. M. Brown, J. W. Collins, R. M. Squires.

SANDY GROVE—A. J. Cain.

WHITE LAKE—F. M. Marshburn, D. Marshburn, S. Noris.

WADDELS—W. P. Smith, J. W. Evers, W. J. Barnhill.

ZION HILL—H. E. Singletary, Irvin Edwards.

ST. JOSEPH—Not represented.

SMITH'S CHAPEL—By letter.

BEARD'S CHAPEL—J. J. Noris, L. M. Barns.



WHITE OAK—N. A. Layton, G. W. Register.

MT. PLEASANT (S)—Not represented.

HICKORY GROVE—By letter.

PARADISE—W. C. Jones, W. H. Perry.

CAPE FEAR—C. Martin, M. P. Cain.

CORINTH—Not represented.

YEATES' CHAPEL—A. L. Tatom.

LOVE'S GROVE—By letter.

THUMB SWAMP—W. J. Smith, R. H. Robinson.

PETER'S CREEK—Not represented.

SHILOH—By letter.

The Association then organized by re-electing Elder W. S. Melvin Moderator and F. S. Averitt Clerk and Treasurer.

In behalf of French's Creek church Elder William Brunt made an address of welcome to the Association and visitors, to which Elder E. J. Edwards responded.

Elder E. J. Edwards, representing the N. C. Baptist, was welcomed to a seat.

The male members of French's Creek church were appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises during the session.

William Brunt and J. W. Downing were appointed to select delegates to the Baptist State Convention; N. A. Layton and E. H. Anders to select Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations.

The Association then adjourned till 9.30 a. m. tomorrow. Prayer by Elder E. J. Edwards.

## SECOND DAY.

Devotional exercises conducted by E. J. Edwards.

Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

Several letters were then handed in and read and names of delegates enrolled.

Elder R. W. Horrell, from the Cedar Creek Association, was welcomed to a seat.

A. L. Tatom read the

## REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions is a work which ought to interest every one. The Board has many consecrated missionaries that are to be supported. God has blessed their labors. But millions are yet out of Christ. Brethren, let us go forward and give more than we have been giving for this great cause. God loves the cheerful giver.

Respectfully,

A. L. TATOM

R. W. Horrell spoke to the report.

A cash collection was taken for Home Missions amounting to \$2.25. Pledges were also made for Home Missions as follows:

|                   |         |                 |         |
|-------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| Brown's Creek,    | \$ 1 00 | Sandy Grove,    | \$ 1 00 |
| Abbottsburg,      | 2 00    | White Lake,     | 1 00    |
| Bethel,           | 1 00    | Zion Hill,      | 1 00    |
| Clarkton,         | 1 00    | Smith's Chapel, | 1 00    |
| Brier Branch,     | 1 00    | Beard's Chapel, | 1 00    |
| Centre Road,      | 1 00    | White Oak,      | 10 00   |
| Cypress Creek,    | 1 00    | Hickory Grove,  | 1 00    |
| French's Creek,   | 1 00    | Paradise,       | 1 00    |
| Galeed,           | 20 00   | Yeates' Chapel, | 1 00    |
| Mt. Pleasant (B), | 1 00    | Love s Grove,   | 50      |
| Shady Grove,      | 1 00    | Thumb Swamp,    | 1 00    |
| Sugg's Grove,     | 1 00    | Peter's Creek,  | 1 00    |
| Salt Marsh,       | 1 50    | Shiloh,         | 1 00    |
| Total, - - -      |         | - - -           | \$55 00 |

Report adopted.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reports preaching at 11 o'clock, a. m., by Elder E. J. Edwards.

The Association then gave way for preaching by Bro. Edwards.

The Association then adjourned for 45 minutes.

## EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called together by singing.

Several letters were then handed in and read.

On motion Kate's Chapel and Edwards' Chapel churches were dropped until they report.

## REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee feels there is no more important object before this Association than State Missions. The advocates of false doctrines are flooding our State with their pernicious literature and are pushing their work with a zeal that is worthy of a better cause. Let us not be less zealous in sowing the seeds of truth.

Respectfully,

D. M. MELVIN.

Remarks were made by J. H. Hildreth, W. S. Ballard and E. J. Edwards.

A cash collection was then taken for State Missions amounting to \$2.46. Pledges were also taken for State Missions as follows:

|                    |           |                 |         |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------|
| Brown's Creek,     | \$ 2 00   | Sandy Grove,    | \$ 2 00 |
| Abbottsburg,       | 2 00      | White Lake,     | 5 00    |
| Bethel,            | 1 00      | Zion Hill,      | 2 00    |
| Clarkton,          | 2 00      | Smith's Chapel, | 1 00    |
| Brier Branch,      | 1 00      | Beard's Chapel, | 2 00    |
| Centre Road,       | 1 00      | White Oak,      | 15 00   |
| Cypress Creek,     | 1 00      | Hickory Grove,  | 2 00    |
| French's Creek,    | 1 00      | Paradise,       | 1 00    |
| Galeed,            | 30 00     | Cape Fear,      | 1 00    |
| Mt. Pleasant, (B), | 1 00      | Yeates' Chapel, | 1 00    |
| Shady Grove,       | 2 00      | Thumb Swamp,    | 1 00    |
| Sugg's Grove,      | 2 00      | Peter's Creek,  | 1 00    |
| Salt Marsh,        | 2 00      | Shiloh,         | 1 50    |
| Total,             | - - - - - |                 | \$84.50 |

## REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF.

All vocations and professions in this life do, and will at some, find their value in dollars and cents save preaching the Gospel, and as these older brethren and their companions have worn their lives away ministering to us in Spiritual things, we your committee earnestly recommend, that the pastors of this Association explain this object to their churches and also take two collections for those old brethren and faithful companions during the year.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM BRUNT.

Remarks were made by W. S. Ballard and J. H. Hildreth.

A cash collection was taken for the Aged Ministers amounting to \$1.62 Pledges were taken for the same object as follows:

|                    |        |                 |        |
|--------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| Brown's Creek,     | \$1 00 | Sandy Grove,    | \$1 00 |
| Abbottsburg.       | 1 00   | White Lake,     | 1 00   |
| Bethel,            | 50     | Zion Hill,      | 1 00   |
| Clarkton,          | 50     | St. Joseph,     | 50     |
| Cypress Creek,     | 50     | Smith's Chapel, | 50     |
| French's Creek,    | 1 00   | Beard's Chapel, | 1 00   |
| Galeed,            | 5 00   | White Oak,      | .3 00  |
| Mt. Pleasant, (B), | 1 00   | Hickory Grove,  | 1 00   |
| Shady Grove,       | 1 00   | Cape Fear,      | 50     |
| Sugg's Grove,      | 1 00   | Peter's Creek,  | 1 00   |
| Salt Marsh,        | 1 00   | Shiloh,         | 1 00   |
| Total, - - - - -   |        | \$25 00.        |        |

On motion a collection was taken for the benefit of Brier Branch church amounting to \$1.28.

J. H. Hildreth, C. C. Everitt, A. B. Rooks, F. F. Newton and D. J. Corbit, from the Eastern Association, and W. S. Ballard, from the Cape Fear and Columbus Association, were welcomed to seats.

#### TIME AND PLACE FOR NEXT MEETING.

On motion it was agreed that the next session of this Association be held with the Mount Pleasant church, Bladen county, commencing on Wednesday before the second Sunday in November, 1900. Elder I. P. Hedgpeth to preach the introductory sermon; Elder W. S. Melvin alternate. Elder J. H. Hildreth to preach the Missionary Sermon.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reports as follows: Preaching to-night by W. S. Ballard. Prayer services to-morrow at 9.30 a. m., conducted by A. J. Freeman. William Brunt to preach at 11 a. m.

#### CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

EASTERN—A. W. Croom.  
SOUTH RIVER—J. A. Raifield.  
CAPE FEAR—S. H. Hilburn.  
CEDAR CREEK—N. A. Layton.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 9.30 a. m., to-morrow.



## THIRD DAY.

Devotional exercises conducted by A. J. Freeman.

Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

A. Johnson, of Charity and Children; J. C. Caddell, of the Biblical Recorder; B. W. Spillman, of Missions and Sunday Schools, were welcomed to seats.

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Foreign Missions is the evangelization of people who live in foreign lands. Our Southern Baptists are laboring in Japan, China, Africa, Italy, Mexico and Brazil. We have had an unusually successful year and we should push forward with this work more vigorously than ever.

Respectfully,

B. W. SPILLMAN.

Remarks were made by Bro. Spillman.

A cash collection was taken for Foreign Missions amounting to \$1.94. Pledges were taken for the same object as follows:

|                    |         |                 |          |
|--------------------|---------|-----------------|----------|
| Brown's Creek,     | \$ 2 00 | Shady Grove,    | \$ 1 00  |
| Abbottsburg,       | 2 50    | Sugg's Grove,   | 1 00     |
| Bethel,            | 1 00    | Salt Marsh,     | 2 00     |
| Clarkton,          | 1 00    | Sandy Grove,    | 1 00     |
| Brier Branch,      | 1 00    | White Lake,     | 2 50     |
| Center Road,       | 1 00    | Zion Hill,      | 1 00     |
| Cypress Creek,     | 1 00    | St. Joseph,     | 1 00     |
| French's Creek,    | 2 50    | Smith's Chapel, | 1 00     |
| Galeed,            | 30 00   | Beard's Chapel, | 1 00     |
| Mt. Pleasant, (R), | 1 00    | White Oak,      | 10 00    |
| Hickory Grove,     | 2 00    | Thumb Swamp,    | 1 00     |
| Paradise,          | 1 00    | Peter's Creek,  | 1 00     |
| Cape Fear,         | 1 00    | Shiloh,         | 1 00     |
| Yeates' Chapel,    | 1 00    |                 |          |
| Total, - - - - -   |         |                 | \$72 50. |

## WRITERS FOR NEXT SESSION.

HOME MISSIONS—N. A. Layton.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—A. J. Freeman.

PERIODICALS—A. L. Tatum.  
STATE MISSIONS—J. W. Callihan.  
TEMPERANCE—F. S. Averitt.  
MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—G. W. Register.  
MINISTERS' RELIEF—E. H. Anders.  
EDUCATION—W. S. Ballard.  
ORPHANAGE—Miss Phila M. Ballard.

#### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We note with pleasure the increased interest felt in all the departments of our Conventional work. Among the agencies which have brought this about we would claim no small share for the wide circulation of religious literature. The conception and contributions of our people will enlarge as they possess information about our work. We are glad to report that the Biblical Recorder was never more prosperous than now, and we think it was never so well prepared to do the work designed by our fathers. The subscription price of the paper is cheaper than ever before, and we urge that all our people who can subscribe for it. We note with pleasure the great increase in the subscription list of Charity and Children. It is worthy of a place in every home in this Association. We also recommend the N. C. Baptist, the Home Field, the Foreign Mission Journal and the literature published by the Southern Board, located at Nashville, Tenn.

Respectfully,

J. C. CADDELL.

Remarks were made by Bro. Caddell.

The report was adopted.

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We have thirty young men whom the Board of Education is aiding at Wake Forest. These young men are entirely dependent upon the churches for support while at college, and we would urge upon our churches the necessity of systematic collections for this work. Wake Forest has two hundred and fifty-five students and is prospering in every department of its work. The Baptist University has had a most prosperous opening. We commend it to the most favorable consideration of our people offering as it does such advantages as have not heretofore been enjoyed by our Baptist girls.

Respectfully,

J. C. CADDELL.

A cash collection was taken for Education amounting to \$1.19. Pledges were then made for Education as follows:

|                    |           |                 |        |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|--------|
| Brown's Creek,     | \$ 1 50   | Zion Hill,      | \$1 50 |
| Abbottsburg,       | 1 00      | St. Soseph,     | 1 00   |
| Bethel,            | 1 00      | Smith's Chapel, | 1 00   |
| Clarkton,          | 1 00      | Beard's Chapel, | 1 00   |
| Brier Branch,      | 1 00      | White Oak,      | 5 00   |
| Cypress Creek,     | 1 00      | Hickory Grove,  | 1 00   |
| French's Creek,    | 1 00      | Paradise,       | 1 00   |
| Galeed,            | 20 00     | Cape Fear,      | 1 00   |
| Mt. Pleasant, (B), | 1 00      | Yeates' Chapel, | 1 00   |
| Sugg's Grove,      | 1 00      | Thumb Swamp,    | 1 00   |
| Salt Marsh,        | 1 00      | Peter's Creek,  | 1 00   |
| Sandy Grove,       | 1 00      | Shiloh,         | 1 00   |
| White Lake,        | 1 50      |                 |        |
| Total,             | - - - - - |                 | \$4950 |

On motion the report was adopted.

#### REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage is doing the best work of its history. There are 180 children under its care and they are making gratifying progress. Since it was established more than 500 of the children of our dead have found protection within its walls. Many of these homeless ones are useful and honored citizens of our State. There are 318 acres of fairly good land belonging to the Orphanage and quite a number of substantial brick buildings. The whole is estimated to be worth \$30,000. A new Nursery is nearing completion which will greatly increase the efficiency of the orphanage work. The building will cost \$2,200 and \$1,500 of this amount was contributed by one family—that of the late Dr. R. D. Fleming, of Warrenton. It is proposed to erect a machine shop at an early a date as possible, in memory of the founder of orphan homes in North Carolina—John H. Mills—and to offer the boys a useful and lucrative trade that they may not leave the Institution empty handed. We commend the enterprise to the brethren. The utmost economy is practiced in the management of our Orphanage, and yet it takes a large sum to meet the necessary expenses. And there are hundreds of orphans naturally belonging to us who are wandering through our State without a pillow upon which to lay their heads. We have only one source of income and that is the voluntary offerings of Christian hearts. We would urge that our churches increase their contributions through the coming year to meet the enlarged demands of the glorious work.

Respectfully,

ARCHIE JOHNSON.

Brother Johnson spoke to the report after which a cash collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to \$2.36. Pledges were also taken for the same object as follows :

|                   |         |                 |         |
|-------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| Brown's Creek,    | \$ 1 00 | Sandy Grove,    | \$ 1 00 |
| Abbottsburg,      | 3 00    | White Lake,     | 3 00    |
| Bethel,           | 1 00    | Zion Hill,      | 1 00    |
| Clarkton,         | 50      | Smith's Chapel, | 1 00    |
| Brier Branch,     | 1 00    | Beard's Chapel, | 1 00    |
| Centre Road,      | 1 00    | White Oak,      | 10 00   |
| Cypress Creek,    | 1 00    | Hickory Grove,  | 1 00    |
| French's Creek,   | 3 00    | Paradise,       | 1 00    |
| Galeed,           | 5 00    | Yeates' Chapel, | 1 00    |
| Mt. Pleasant (B), | 2 00    | Thumb Swamp,    | 1 00    |
| Shady Grove,      | 50      | Peter's Creek,  | 1 00    |
| Sugg's Grove,     | 1 00    | Shiloh,         | 1 00    |
| Salt Marsh,       | 1 00    |                 |         |
| Total, - - - - -  |         |                 | \$43 50 |

On motion the report was adopted.

#### REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

A Sunday school is an assembly of two or more people met for the purpose of studying and teaching the scriptures. Its value is apparent to all. As an agency for teaching the Bible, for winning souls for Christ, for developing churches in beneficence it has no equal. Every church should have a Sunday school. There will be two Sunday School Institutes held in this Association during the coming year, at White Oak on fourth Sunday in February, Friday and Saturday before, and at Galeed on first Sunday in March, Friday and Saturday before.

Respectfully,

B. W. SPILLMAN.

Remarks were made by Bro. Spillman and the report was adopted.

#### DELEGATES TO BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION, ASHEVILLE.

Elder W. S. Melvin, J. W. Callihan, F. S. Averitt, H. C. Bridgers, J. H. Brunt and A. J. Freeman.

On motion it was agreed that the delegate attending the Convention be a member of the Sunday School Board:



## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received Nov. 11th, 1898, from Finance Committee  
at White Oak:

|                                                |                 |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| For State Missions,.....                       | \$33 37         |
| For Foreign Missions,.....                     | 22 66           |
| For Home Missions,.....                        | 11 24           |
| For Education,.....                            | 13 57           |
| For Orphanage,.....                            | 20 04           |
| For Ministers' Relief,.....                    | 5 00            |
| For Association Missions,.....                 | 7 99            |
| For Minute Fund,.....                          | 10 02           |
| From former Treasurer for Asso. Missions,..... | 09              |
| Total,.....                                    | <u>\$123 98</u> |

Disbursed Nov. 11th, 1898 :

|                                                |                 |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Paid to State Missions,.....                   | \$33 37         |
| Paid to Foreign Missions,.....                 | 22 66           |
| Paid to Home Missions,.....                    | 11 24           |
| Paid to Education,.....                        | 13 57           |
| Paid to Orphanage,.....                        | 20 04           |
| Paid to Minister's Relief,.....                | 5 00            |
| For printing minutes and blank letters,.....   | 10 85           |
| To Clerk of Association for his services,..... | 7 25            |
| Total,.....                                    | <u>\$123 98</u> |

F. S. AVERITT, Treas.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| State Missions,.....       | \$31 02         |
| Foreign Missions,.....     | 19 43           |
| Home Missions,.....        | 11 75           |
| Association Missions,..... | 1 70            |
| Education,.....            | 9 94            |
| Ministers' Relief,.....    | 9 90            |
| Orphanage,.....            | 7 91            |
| Minute Fund,.....          | 14 44           |
| Total,.....                | <u>\$106 09</u> |

E. H. ANDERS, }  
A. W. CROOM, } Committee.

E. H. Anders offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That this Association earnestly request the churches composing this body to send only such delegates as will be able and willing to stay with the body during the entire session.

Resolved, That this Association hereby express our sincere delight in the ample and tasty entertainment we have received. The good Lord bless the French's Creek church and neighborhood abundantly.

A. L. TATOM.

On motion the Finance Committee was instructed to turn over the funds in their hands to the Treasurer, and the Treasurer pay them over to the objects for which they are intended.

On motion it was ordered that the Clerk take the minute funds and Association funds and have five hundred minutes printed, and take what is left for his services.

The Association adjourned by singing "Blest be the tie that binds," and taking the parting hand.

F. S. AVERITT,

*Clerk.*

ELDER W. S. MELVIN,

*Moderator.*

#### REPORTS OF W. M. SOCIETIES.

##### Galeed Society :

Christmas Offerings, ..... \$3 25

Home Missions, ..... 5 75

Foreign Missions, ..... 3 25

Total, ..... \$12 25

Miss M. E. SINGLETARY,

*Secretary.*

Miss S. D. SINGLETARY,

*President.*

##### Abbottsburg Society :

Foreign Missions, ..... \$14 00

Miss WILLIE B. AVERITT,

*Secretary.*

Mrs. BETTIE THOMPSON,

*President.*



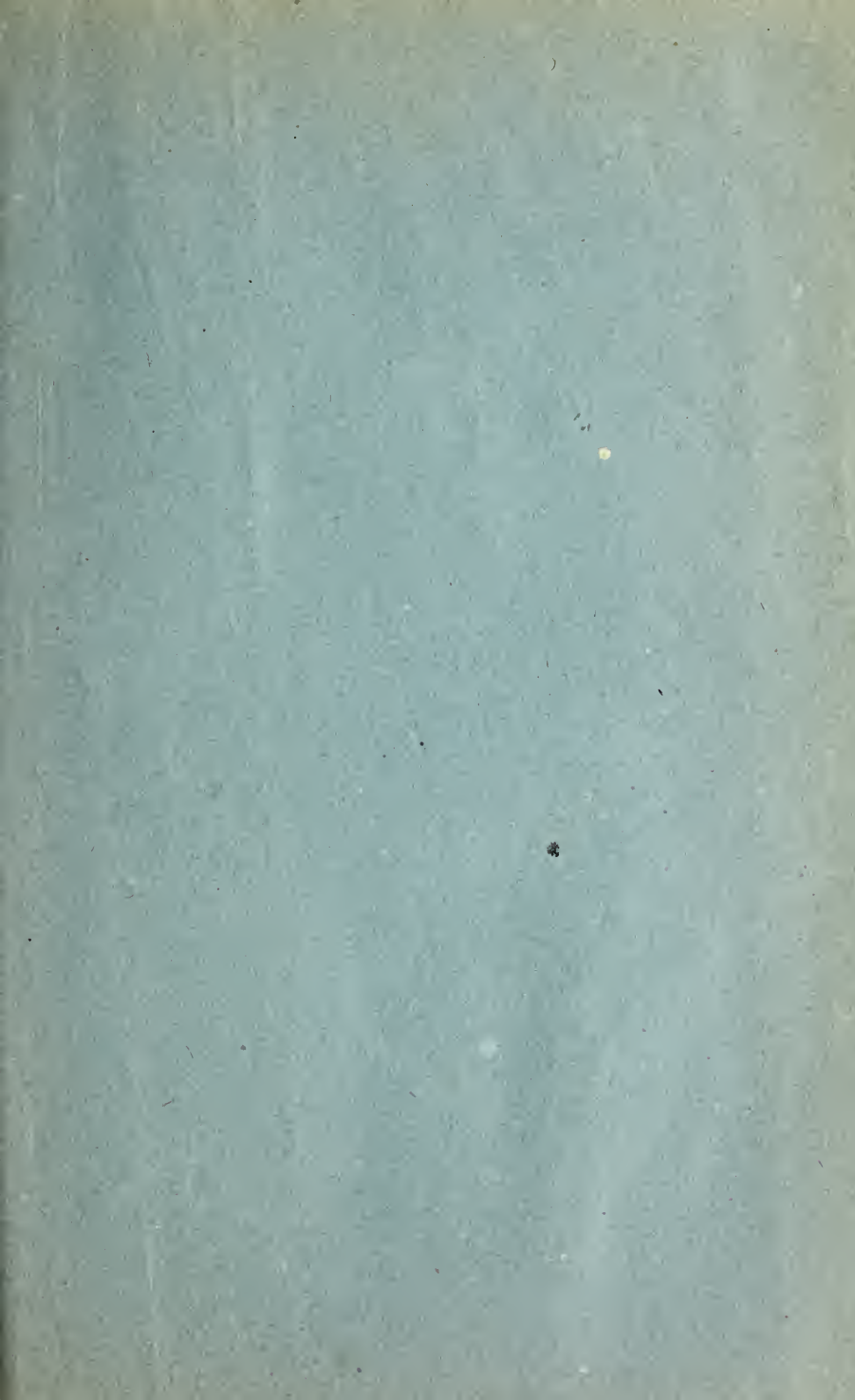
# PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

| CHURCHES.       | PASTORS AND POST OFFICES. |               | CLERKS AND POST OFFICES. |                |
|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Brown's Creek   | W. L. Brisson             | Dublin.       | W. B. Hester             | Elizabethtown. |
| Abbotsburg.     | L. P. Hedgcock            | Lamerton.     | G. W. Smith              | Abbotsburg.    |
| Reichel         | W. S. Melvin              | Winnie.       | C. W. King               | Dublin.        |
| Brier Branch    | Wm. Brunt                 | Winnie.       | M. Johnson               | Downingville.  |
| Centre Road     | W. L. Brisson             | Dublin.       | Chas. Pate               | Guyton.        |
| Cypress Creek   | Wm. Brunt                 | Winnie.       | L. H. Cain               | Garland.       |
| French's Creek. | J. H. Hildreth            | Wilmington.   | E. W. Moore              | Kelly's.       |
| Galied          | L. P. Hedgcock            | Lamerton.     | T. C. Hillburn           | Bladenboro.    |
| Mt. Pleasant    | W. S. Ballard             | Clarkton.     | Alex. Register           | Register.      |
| Shady Grove     | W. L. Brisson             | Dublin.       | Z. G. Thompson           | Abbotsburg.    |
| Sugg's Grove.   | W. S. Melvin              | Winnie.       | C. D. Ray                | Ellis.         |
| Salt Marsh      | J. H. Hildreth            | Wilmington.   | M. P. Peterson           | Nat Moore.     |
| Sandy Grove     | C. E. Beard               | Winnie.       | A. Z. Davis              | Bladenboro.    |
| White Lake      | J. H. Dobson              | Atkinson.     | R. H. Marshall           | Hart.          |
| Waddell's       | D. L. Johnson             | Downingville. | J. W. Evans              | Elizabethtown. |
| Zion Hill       | W. M. Brisson             | Guyton.       | M. Hester                | Bladenboro.    |
| Smith's Chapel. | W. S. Melvin              | Winnie.       | Wiley Cain               | Garland.       |
| Beard's Chapel  | C. E. Beard               | Winnie.       | A. Norris                | Cypress Creek. |
| White Oak       | J. G. Fisher              | Roslin.       | D. M. Melvin             | Winnie.        |
| Hickory Grove   | E. W. Woolen              | Woolen's.     | G. F. Allen              | Brompton.      |
| Paradise        | W. M. Brisson             | Guyton.       | W. H. Perry              | White Hall.    |
| Cape Fear       | Wm. Brunt                 | Winnie.       | D. A. Downing            | Elizabethtown. |
| Yeate's Chapel  | Wm. Brunt                 | Winnie.       | H. W. Cain               |                |
| Lowe's Grove    | J. G. Fisher              | Roslin.       | N. B. Singletary         | Tar Heel.      |
| Thumb Swamp     | H. Carter                 | Garland.      | W. J. Smith              | White Hall.    |
| Shiloh          | W. S. Melvin              | Winnie.       | W. A. Sewell             | Gray's Creek.  |



# STATISTICAL TABLE.

| CHURCHES.      | Baptized. | Rec'd by Letter | Restored. | Dismissed by Letter. | Excluded. | Died. | Males. | Females. | Total Membership | Pastor's Salary | Incidental Expenses. | Poor. | Minute Fund. | Repairs.  | State Missions. | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Education. | Orphanage. | Ministers Relief | Other Objects. | Sum Total of all Church Expenses and Contributions |
|----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|-------|--------|----------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------|--------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------|------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------|
|                |           |                 |           |                      |           |       |        |          |                  |                 |                      |       |              |           |                 |                |                   |            |            |                  |                |                                                    |
| Brown's Creek  | 1         | 1               | 2         | 1                    | 5         | 1     | 28     | 48       | 76               | \$ 30 00        | \$ 11 25             | \$ 74 | \$ 40        | \$ 2 25   | \$ 3 67         | \$ 1 57        | \$ 3 27           | \$ 3 31    | \$ 45      | \$ 30            | \$ 50          | \$ 12 30                                           |
| Abbottsburg    |           |                 |           |                      |           |       | 17     | 38       | 55               | 40 00           |                      |       | 30           |           | 1               | 1              | 3 46              | 1 00       | 90         |                  |                | 69 36                                              |
| Bethel         | 1         | 1               |           |                      | 1         | 1     | 38     | 35       | 73               | 32 50           |                      |       | 50           |           |                 | 1 00           | 1 00              | 1 00       |            | 50               | 1 00           | 50 20                                              |
| Brier Branch   |           |                 |           |                      |           |       | 12     | 38       | 50               |                 |                      |       | 33           | 34 00     |                 |                | 25                |            | 50         |                  |                | 36 05                                              |
| Centre Road    |           |                 |           |                      | 1         |       | 30     | 39       | 69               |                 |                      |       | 25           | 40 00     |                 |                | 25                | 1 00       |            |                  |                | 70 17                                              |
| Cypress Creek  |           |                 |           |                      |           |       | 27     | 57       | 84               | 24 00           | 2 00                 |       | 60           |           | 97              | 1 00           | 1 00              | 1 00       |            |                  |                | 68 60                                              |
| French's Creek |           |                 |           |                      |           |       | 14     | 53       | 67               | 60 50           | 6 50                 |       | 60           |           | 50              | 50             | 1 50              | 1 00       | 3 55       |                  |                | 71 27                                              |
| Galeed         | 10        | 2               | 1         | 6                    | 8         | 1     | 59     | 98       | 157              | 125 00          | 33 50                |       | 190          | 93 31     | 40 32           | 26 55          | 24 81             | 16 53      | 5 25       |                  | 10 16          | 503 59                                             |
| Mt. Pleasant   |           |                 |           |                      | 2         | 2     | 21     | 43       | 64               | 50 00           |                      |       | 75           |           | 1 29            | 25             | 25                | 2 00       | 2 00       | 1 00             | 1 16           | 53 00                                              |
| Shady Grove    |           |                 |           |                      |           | 1     | 22     | 56       | 78               | 40 00           |                      |       | 1 00         | 10 00     | 45              | 25             | 25                | 25         | 25         | 15               |                | 2 00                                               |
| Sugg's Grove   | 6         | 2               | 1         |                      | 1         | 2     | 38     | 58       | 66               | 50 00           | 10 03                |       | 50           |           | 1 50            | 1 00           | 2 80              | 2 30       | 75         | 77               |                | 67 81                                              |
| Salt Marsh     |           |                 |           |                      |           |       | 36     | 43       | 79               | 36 00           | 25 20                |       | 65           |           | 2 00            | 1 00           | 1 00              | 1 00       |            |                  |                | 66 15                                              |
| Sandy Grove    | 2         |                 |           |                      |           | 1     | 41     | 63       | 104              |                 |                      |       | 70           |           | 8 35            | 1 00           | 6 00              | 1 00       | 2 00       | 1 50             |                | 19 55                                              |
| White Lake     |           |                 |           |                      | 1         |       | 51     | 83       | 134              |                 |                      |       | 30           |           |                 |                |                   |            |            |                  |                | 5 30                                               |
| Waddells       | 1         |                 | 5         | 1                    | 2         |       | 36     | 32       | 58               | 5 00            | 5 89                 |       | 30           |           | 54              | 2 14           | 57                | 40         |            | 1 87             |                | 41 71                                              |
| Zion Hill      |           |                 |           |                      |           |       | 27     | 44       | 71               | 35 00           |                      |       | 23           | 35 00     | 25              | 25             | 25                | 25         |            |                  |                | 72 38                                              |
| Smith's Chapel |           |                 |           |                      |           |       | 24     | 31       | 65               | 32 00           | 3 81                 |       | 43           |           | 1 00            | 1 00           | 1 00              | 1 00       | 75         | 1 00             |                | 72 38                                              |
| Beard's Chapel |           |                 |           |                      |           |       | 74     | 126      | 200              | 100 00          |                      |       | 1 45         |           | 10 00           | 10 00          | 5 00              | 5 00       | 5 00       | 2 50             |                | 43 34                                              |
| White Oak      | 1         | 1               |           | 1                    | 6         |       | 65     | 119      | 184              | 7 00            |                      |       | 59           |           | 4 17            | 1 35           | 2 75              | 4 00       | 4 00       |                  | 17 44          | 138 95                                             |
| Hickory Grove  | 5         | 1               | 1         | 1                    | 1         |       | 18     | 32       | 50               |                 | 2 19                 |       |              |           |                 | 1 00           | 1 80              |            |            |                  |                | 37 40                                              |
| Paradise       | 10        |                 |           |                      |           |       |        |          |                  | 12 00           |                      |       | 50           |           | 1 00            | 1 00           |                   |            |            |                  | 95             | 5 94                                               |
| Cape Fear      |           |                 |           |                      | 2         |       | 9      | 11       | 20               |                 |                      |       | 50           |           | 1 00            |                |                   |            |            |                  |                | 13 50                                              |
| Yeate's Chapel |           |                 |           |                      | 1         |       | 16     | 17       | 33               | 35 00           |                      |       | 50           |           | 75              | 1 00           | 1 00              | 1 00       | 1 00       |                  |                | 2 85                                               |
| Loves Grove    | 2         | 3               |           |                      |           |       | 28     | 25       | 53               |                 |                      |       | 30           |           | 1 00            | 1 00           | 6 00              | 1 00       |            | 1 00             |                | 41 05                                              |
| Thumb Swamp    |           |                 |           |                      |           |       | 31     | 53       | 84               |                 |                      |       | 50           |           | 1 00            | 1 00           |                   |            |            |                  |                | 3 50                                               |
| Shiloh         | 3         | 1               |           | 3                    | 3         | 1     | 31     | 61       | 92               | 60 00           |                      |       |              |           | 1 00            | 2 00           | 1 00              | 1 00       | 1 00       | 1 00             |                | 67 00                                              |
| Totals         | 41        | 13              | 14        | 16                   | 42        | 7     | 752    | 1221     | 1994             | \$870 60        | \$100 25             | \$74  | \$13 60      | \$ 214 56 | \$89 87         | \$58 60        | \$58 99           | \$34 39    | \$28 05    | \$12 65          | \$33 08        | \$17 01                                            |





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# MINUTES

OF THE

## Ninth Annual Session

OF THE

## Bladen Co. Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

Mt. Pleasant Church,

Bladen County, N. C.,

November 7, 8 and 9, 1900.

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### OFFICERS:

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Moderator.

F. S. AVERITT, ABBOTT-BURG, N. C.,  
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Next Session of the Association to be held with the  
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## ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

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|   |                     |                      |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|
| ✓ | BRUNT, WILLIAM..... | Winnie, N. C.        |
|   | BRYAN, LEVI.....    | Cypress Creek, N. C. |
|   | BRISSON, W. M.....  | Guyton, N. C.        |
|   | BRISSON, W. L.....  | Guyton, N. C.        |
| ✓ | CLARK, D. J.....    | Clarkton, N. C.      |
|   | CARTER, HENRY.....  | Gariand, N. C.       |
| ✓ | DOWNING, J. W.....  | Downingsville, N. C. |
|   | FREEMAN, A. J.....  | Bladenboro, N. C.    |
|   | HILBURN, R. M.....  | Pine Bluff, N. C.    |
|   | HILBURN, D. H.....  | Bladenboro, N. C.    |
|   | HESTER, S.....      | Bladenboro, N. C.    |
|   | JOHNSON, J. A.....  | Elizabethtown, N. C. |
|   | JOHNSON, D. L.....  | Downingsville, N. C. |
|   | MELVIN, W. S.....   | Winnie, N. C.        |

## CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.

Brown's Creek—R. C. Hester, W. F. Daniels.  
 Abbottsburg—J. R. Radshaw.  
 Bethel—By Letter.  
 Clarkton—Not represented.  
 Centre Road—L. T. Hester, W. M. Brisson.  
 French's Creek—By Letter.  
 Cypress Creek—By Letter.  
 Galeed—W. A. Butler, F. S. Averitt.  
 Mt. Pleasant (B.)—S. H. Hilburn, R. Register, J. M. Davis.  
 Shady Grove—By Letter.  
 Suggs' Grove—By Letter.  
 Salt Marsh—L. E. Squires, J. W. Collins, W. M. Kelly.  
 Sandy Grove—W. O. Guyton.  
 White Lake—S. Norris, Geo. Blackburn.  
 Waddell—J. W. Evans, J. C. Ward.  
 Zion Hill—By Letter.  
 St. Joseph—W. F. Melvin, D. J. Sellers.  
 Garland—A. D. Carter, J. L. Carter, Otis Rich.  
 Beard's Chapel—J. P. Smith, J. J. Norris, H. Rich.  
 White Oak—D. M. Melvin, A. L. Tatom.  
 Mt. Pleasant (S.)—Not represented.  
 Hickory Grove—E. J. Lewis, L. P. Singletary.  
 Paradise—J. F. Perry, T. D. Benson, W. M. Benson.  
 Cape Fear—By Letter.  
 Corinth—Not represented.  
 Love's Grove—By Letter.  
 Thumb Swamp—W. J. Smith, William Tedder.  
 Peter's Creek—By Letter.  
 Shiloh—By Letter.

## WRITERS FOR NEXT SESSION.

Home missions—A. L. Tatom.  
 Foreign missions—N. A. Layton.  
 State missions—W. L. Brisson.  
 Periodicals—Arthur Smith,  
 Intemperance—F. S. Averitt.  
 Ministerial support—Owen Register.  
 Ministers Relief—D. J. Clark.  
 Education—G. W. Register.  
 Orphanage—W. F. Melvin.



## CHURCHES.

## CLERKS.

## POSTOFFICES.

|                  |                   |                      |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Brown's Creek,   | W. B. Hester,     | Elizabethtown, N. C. |
| Abbotsburg,      | J. T. Averitt,    | Abbotsburg, "        |
| Bethel,          | F. Willis,        | Dublin, "            |
| Centre Road,     | Charles Pait,     | " "                  |
| Frenche's Creek, | E. W. Moore,      | Kellys, "            |
| Cypress Creek,   | L. H. Cain,       | Garland, "           |
| Galeed,          | T. C. Hilburn,    | Bladenboro, "        |
| Mt. Pleasant,    | Alex. Register,   | Register, "          |
| Shady Grove,     | Z. G. Thompson,   | Abbotsburg, "        |
| Sugg's Grove,    | C. D. Ray,        | Ellis, "             |
| Salt Marsh,      | L. E. Squires,    | Natmore, "           |
| Sandy Grove,     | A. Z. Davis,      | Bladenboro, "        |
| White Lake,      | R. H. Marshburn,  | Ham, "               |
| Waddell's,       | J. W. Evans,      | Elizabethtown, "     |
| Zion Hill,       | M. Hester,        | Bladenboro, "        |
| St. Joseph,      | W. F. Melvin,     | Elkton, "            |
| Garland,         | Wiley Cain,       | Garland, "           |
| Beard's Chapel,  | L. M. Barner,     | Cypress Creek, "     |
| White Oak,       | D. M. Melvin,     | White Oak, "         |
| Hickory Grove,   | Seth Lewis,       | Brompton, "          |
| Paradise,        | W. H. Perry,      | White Hall, "        |
| Love's Grove,    | N. B. Singletary, | Tar Heel, "          |
| Thumb Swamp,     | W. J. Smith,      | White Hall, "        |
| Peter's Creek,   | Alex. Simmons,    | Floyd, "             |
| Shiloh,          | W. A. Sewell,     | Willis' Creek, "     |

## PLEDGES FOR STATE MISSIONS.

|                  |         |                |         |
|------------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Brown's Creek    | \$ 1 00 | White Lake     | \$ 3 00 |
| Abbotsburg       | 1 00    | Zion Hill      | 1 00    |
| Bethel           | 1 00    | St. Joseph     | 50      |
| Clarkton         | 1 00    | Garland        | 1 00    |
| Brier Branch     | 1 00    | Beard's Chapel | 1 00    |
| Centre Road      | 1 00    | White Oak      | 10 00   |
| Frenche's Creek  | 1 00    | Hickory Grove  | 2 00    |
| Cypress Creek    | 1 00    | Paradise       | 1 00    |
| Galeed           | 30 00   | Cape Fear      | 50      |
| Mt. Pleasant (B) | 1 00    | Corinth        | 1 00    |
| Shady Grove      | 1 00    | Love's Grove   | 50      |
| Sugg's Grove     | 1 00    | Thumb Swamp    | 1 00    |
| Salt Marsh       | 2 00    | Peter's Creek  | 1 00    |
| Sandy Grove      | 1 00    | Shiloh         | 1 00    |

Total..... \$ 68 50

## PLEDGES FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

|                        |         |                     |          |
|------------------------|---------|---------------------|----------|
| Brown's Creek.....     | \$ 1 00 | Sugg's Grove.....   | \$ 1 00  |
| Abbottsburg.....       | 1 00    | Salt Marsh.....     | 1 00     |
| Bethel.....            | 1 00    | Sandy Grove.....    | 1 00     |
| Clarkton.....          | 1 00    | White Lake.....     | 1 00     |
| Brier Branch.....      | 1 00    | Zion Hill.....      | 1 00     |
| Centre Road.....       | 1 00    | St. Joseph.....     | 50       |
| Frenche's Creek.....   | 1 00    | Garland.....        | 1 00     |
| Cypress Creek.....     | 1 00    | Beard's Chapel..... | 1 00     |
| Galeed.....            | 30 00   | White Oak.....      | 5 00     |
| Mt. Pleasant....(B)... | 1 00    | Hickory Grove.....  | 1 00     |
| Shady Grove.....       | 1 00    | Paradise.....       | 1 00     |
| Cape Fear.....         | 50      | Thumb Swamp.....    | 1 00     |
| Corinth.....           | 1 00    | Peter's Creek.....  | 1 00     |
| Love's Grove.....      | 50      | Shiloh.....         | 1 00     |
| Total.....             |         |                     | \$ 59 50 |

## PLEDGES FOR HOME MISSIONS.

|                        |         |                     |          |
|------------------------|---------|---------------------|----------|
| Brown's Creek.....     | \$ 1 00 | White Oak.....      | \$ 1 00  |
| Abbottsburg.....       | 1 00    | Zion Hill.....      | 1 00     |
| Bethel.....            | 1 00    | St. Joseph.....     | 50       |
| Clarkton.....          | 1 00    | Garland.....        | 1 00     |
| Brier Branch.....      | 1 00    | Beard's Chapel..... | 1 00     |
| Centre Road.....       | 1 00    | White Oak.....      | 5 00     |
| Frenche's Creek.....   | 1 00    | Hickory Grove.....  | 1 00     |
| Cypress Creek.....     | 1 00    | Paradise.....       | 1 00     |
| Galeed.....            | 25 00   | Cape Fear.....      | 50       |
| Mt. Pleasant....(B)... | 1 00    | Corinth.....        | 1 00     |
| Shady Grove.....       | 1 00    | Love's Grove.....   | 50       |
| Sugg's Grove.....      | 1 00    | Thumb Swamp.....    | 1 00     |
| Salt Marsh.....        | 1 00    | Peter's Creek.....  | 1 00     |
| Sandy Grove.....       | 1 00    | Shiloh.....         | 1 00     |
| Total.....             |         |                     | \$ 54 50 |

## PLEDGES FOR EDUCATION.

|                      |         |                        |          |
|----------------------|---------|------------------------|----------|
| Brown's Creek.....   | \$ 1 00 | Cypress Creek.....     | \$ 1 00  |
| Abbottsburg.....     | 1 00    | Galeed.....            | 20 00    |
| Clarkton.....        | 1 00    | Mt. Pleasant....(B)... | 1 00     |
| Brier Branch.....    | 1 00    | Shady Grove.....       | 1 00     |
| Centre Road.....     | 1 00    | Sugg's Grove.....      | 1 00     |
| Frenche's Creek..... | 1 00    | Salt Marsh.....        | 1 00     |
| Sandy Grove.....     | 1 00    | Hickory Grove.....     | 1 00     |
| White Lake.....      | 1 00    | Paradise.....          | 1 00     |
| Zion Hill.....       | 1 50    | Corinth.....           | 1 00     |
| St. Joseph.....      | 1 00    | Love's Grove.....      | 1 00     |
| Garland.....         | 1 00    | Thumb Swamp.....       | 1 00     |
| Beard's Chapel.....  | 1 00    | Peter's Creek.....     | 1 00     |
| White Oak.....       | 5 00    | Shiloh.....            | 1 00     |
| Total.....           |         |                        | \$ 49 50 |

## PLEDGES FOR ORPHANAGE.

|                        |         |                     |         |
|------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| Brown's Creek.....     | \$ 1 00 | White Lake.....     | \$ 2 00 |
| Abbottsburg .....      | 1 00    | Zion Hill.....      | 1 50    |
| Bethel.....            | 1 00    | St. Joseph.....     | 1 00    |
| Clarkton .....         | 1 00    | Garland .....       | 2 00    |
| Brier Branch .....     | 1 00    | Beard's Chapel..... | 1 00    |
| Centre Road.....       | 1 00    | White Oak.....      | 5 00    |
| French's Creek.....    | 1 00    | Hickory Grove.....  | 1 00    |
| Cypress Creek.....     | 1 00    | Paradise .....      | 1 00    |
| Galeed .. ...          | 10 00   | Cape Fear .....     | 1 00    |
| Mt. Pleasant (B) ..... | 1 00    | Corinth.....        | 1 00    |
| Shady Grove.....       | 1 00    | Love's Grove .....  | 1 00    |
| Suggs' Grove.....      | 1 00    | Thumb Swamp.....    | 1 00    |
| Salt Marsh.....        | 2 00    | Peter's Creek.....  | 1 00    |
| Sandy Grove.....       | 2 00    | Shiloh.. .....      | 1 00    |
| Total.. .....          |         | \$45 50             |         |

## PLEDGES FOR MINISTERS' RELIEF.

|                       |         |                     |         |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| Brown's Creek.....    | \$ 1 00 | White Lake.....     | \$ 1 00 |
| Abbottsburg.....      | 1 00    | Zion Hill.....      | 1 00    |
| Bethel.....           | 50      | St. Joseph .....    | 50      |
| Brier Branch.....     | 1 00    | Garland .....       | 1 00    |
| Centre Road.....      | 1 00    | Beard's Chapel..... | 1 00    |
| French's Creek.....   | 1 00    | White Oak.....      | 3 00    |
| Cypress Creek .....   | 1 00    | Hickory Grove.....  | 1 00    |
| Galeed.....           | 5 00    | Paradise.....       | 50      |
| Mt. Pleasant (B)..... | 1 00    | Corinth .....       | 1 00    |
| Shady Grove.....      | 1 00    | Love's Grove .....  | 50      |
| Suggs' Grove.....     | 50      | Thumb Swamp.....    | 1 00    |
| Salt Marsh.....       | 1 00    | Peter's Croek.....  | 50      |
| Sandy Grove.....      | 1 00    | Shiloh .....        | 1 00    |
| Total.....            |         | \$29 00             |         |

## Proceedings.

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH, BLADEN CO., N. C., Nov. 7, 1900.

The Bladen County Baptist Association met in its sixth annual session with this church. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. S. Ballard from Philippians 3:10-14. A recess of 45 minutes was given for refreshments. The Association then re-assembled in the house. Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder A. J. Freeman. A. L. Tatum, W. R. Blackburn, W. F. Melvin and S. H. Hilburn were appointed a committee on finance. On motion, the reading of letters was dispensed with and the letters turned over to the Financial Committee. The Association then organized by re-electing Elder W. S. Melvin Moderator and F. S. Averitt Clerk and Treasurer. The pastor and officers of this church were appointed a committee on Religious Exercises during the session. In behalf of Mt. Pleasant church Elder W. S. Ballard made an address of welcome to the Association and visitors, to which Elder Wm. Brunt responded. W. S. Ballard, from the Cape Fear-Columbus Association, was welcomed to a seat.

### REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Brethren of the Bladen Association, the work we have done in the past is only a beginning of what we should do. As many as 500 children should be cared for by the Baptists of North Carolina. This has been in many respects a prosperous year for the orphanage. The Biggs building is being repaired. The Mills Memorial Building we hope will be completed by spring; let us not forget to do our part. About five dollars per month per capita will sustain an orphan. This includes the salaries of the employees and all the running expenses. A member of our church could sustain one orphan if they only would do what God commands. We recommend that each church in the Association on Thanksgiving take a collection for the Mills Memorial Building.

Respectfully,

W. S. BALLARD

Remarks by W. S. Ballard and William Brunt. On motion the report was tabled for further consideration.

### REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is the grievous sin of America. Legislation, temperance, pledges nor the word of God have been successful in removing drinking and drunkenness from our churches. Church discipline should be resorted to in order to check the too common occurrence of so grievous a sin and redeem the church and her members from so foul a reproach. Until the



churches influence is exercised and social order shall discountenance this ruinous habit orphans will cry for bread and we be taxed to support prison houses. Crime, slaughter and ruin will continue to give us trouble.

F. S. Averitt, Committee.

Remarks by F. S. Averitt, William Brunt, J. H. Hildreth, and D. J. Clark. Report adopted. J. C. Caddell, of the Biblical Recorder, and Rev. J. W. Cobb, of the North Carolina Baptist, were welcomed to seats.

### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We congratulate the Baptists of North Carolina on being the leaders in this great educational movement now sweeping the state from mountain to sea. Wake Forest has moved on and up on all lines. The 275 students now within her walls testify how close she is to every heart. The ministerial students now number 40, and the Board appropriates nine dollars per month to each with the agreement that each beneficiary give his note for same and to refund with interest. We believe this arrangement is wise and calculated to inculcate a higher self-respect in each beneficiary, and at the same time increase the usefulness of the Board in future years. We heartily commend their interest to every church, and urge a collection for ministerial education.

J. W. COBB Committee.

Remarks by J. C. Caddell. A cash collection was taken for ministerial education amounting to \$1.16. Pledges were also taken for the same object, and report adopted. The committee on religious exercises reports preaching tonight by Elder J. H. Hildreth and tomorrow night by Elder J. W. Cobb.

On motion, the Association adjourned till 9:30 a. m. tomorrow. Prayer by J. H. Hildreth.

### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder W. L. Brisson; minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals would submit the following report: That each Baptist family should take one of his religious papers—or more if he is able. Our people should be better educated in regard to their duty, and this is one means: If our people would read more religious literature, many obstacles in the way of missions would be removed.

A. L. TATUM Committee.

Remarks by J. C. Caddell, J. W. Cobb, A. J. Freeman, Wm. Brunt and D. J. Clark. Report adopted. The century meeting program was taken up. J. C. Caddell addressed the Association on missions in general. The Association then adjourned for 45 minutes.



## EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called together by singing. The century discussion was continued by Elders J. W. Cobb and Wm. Brunt.

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We rejoice to see that our people seem to be more interested in this work than formerly. There is a decided awakening on the part of many churches and pastors. The advance movement ordered by the Convention last year has met with the hearty approval of our people. Not only have many new missionaries been sent out, but a large number of churches have increased their gifts so that they now give enough, or more than enough, to pay the salary of one missionary. In the past three years there have been added by baptism 2,887. Surely we should bow before God in thanksgiving and praise while we earnestly press forward.

A. J. Freeman, Committee.

Report adopted.

There being no prepared reports on State and Home Missions, the report of last year was read. A collection was then taken for State, Home and Foreign Missions amounting to \$4.14. Pledges were then taken for the same objects. The Moderator appointed the following named committees, viz; To select delegates to Baptist State Convention, William Brunt and A. J. Freeman; to select delegates to Southern Baptist Convention, Wm. Brunt; to select member of State Board, Wm. Brunt; to select Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations, D. M. Melvin.

## TIME AND PLACE FOR NEXT MEETING.

On motion, it was agreed that the next session of this Association be held with the Garland church, commencing on Wednesday before the second Sunday in November, 1901, Elder J. H. Dobson to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder W. L. Brisson, alternate, Elder J. W. Cobb to preach the Missionary Sermon; elder A. J. Freeman, alternate. The Association then adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m. tomorrow. Prayer by W. M. Brisson.

## THIRD DAY.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder J. W. Cobb. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted. Elder Wm. Brunt offered the following motion, which was adopted: Resolved, that the hearty thanks of this Association are hereby expressed to Mt. Pleasant for the beautifying of their church house, and for their bountiful and whole-sole hospitality.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention, W. S. Melvin, A. J. Freeman, Wm. Brunt; delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, H. C. Pridgen; member of State Mission Board, A. J. Free-

man; Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations, Eastern, Elder Wm. Brunt; South River, Elder D. M. Melvin; Cape Fear Columbus, L. P. Singletary; Robeson, D. J. Clark; Cedar Creek, Wm. Butlar.

### REPORT ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

Your committee most earnestly urge that our Sabbath Schools be made as intelligent Bible schools as possible. Use Bible literature, commentaries, papers, cards and all sound helps—so that our young people shall have as correct an understanding of the Bible as can be had at an early age.

WM BRUNT, Committee.

Remarks by Elders Wm. Brunt and J. W. Cobb.  
Report adopted.

### REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee beg permission to say that the letters from the churches report 25 deaths; no names except Elder C. E. Beard. Your committee would urge that we all pray God to care for the bereaved. Brethren, let us remember that in the death of Elder C. E. Beard we have lost one of the truest soldiers in the command of Capt. Valiant—For Truth. Let us all pray without ceasing that God may take care of the life work of Bro. Beard that it may never die, but work on for glory of the Master forever. Pray for all widows and orphans.

WM BRUNT,  
D. M. MELVIN,  
Committee.

Report adopted.

The orphanage report taken from the table. Remarks by J. W. Cobb. A cash collection taken for the orphanage amounting to \$4.09. Pledges were also taken for the same object. Report adopted. Pledges were also taken for aged ministers' relief.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received Nov. 10, 1899, from Finance Committee at French's Creek:

|                          |   |   |   |   |   |         |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---------|
| For State Missions       | - | - | - | - | - | \$31 02 |
| For Foreign Missions     | - | - | - | - | - | 19 43   |
| For Home Missions        | - | - | - | - | - | 11 75   |
| For Association Missions | - | - | - | - | - | 1 70    |
| For Education            | - | - | - | - | - | 9 94    |
| For Ministers' Relief    | - | - | - | - | - | 9 90    |
| For Orphanage            | - | - | - | - | - | 7 91    |
| For Minute Fund          | - | - | - | - | - | 14 44   |

Total,

106 09

Disbursed Nov. 10, 1899:

|                                |   |   |   |   |         |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---------|
| Paid to State Missions         | - | - | - | - | \$31 02 |
| Paid to Foreign Missions       | - | - | - | - | 19 43   |
| Paid to Home Missions          | - | - | - | - | 11 75   |
| Paid to Education              | - | - | - | - | 9 94    |
| Paid to Ministers' Relief      | - | - | - | - | 9 90    |
| Paid to Orphanage              | - | - | - | - | 7 91    |
| Paid for Minutes               | - | - | - | - | 10 14   |
| Paid to Clerk for his services | - | - | - | - | 6 00    |

Total, \$106 09

F. S. AVERITT, Treas.

## FINANCE REPORT.

|                      |   |   |   |   |   |         |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---------|
| Minute Fund          | - | - | - | - | - | \$12 65 |
| Association Missions | - | - | - | - | - | 1 75    |
| State Missions       | - | - | - | - | - | 37 52   |
| Home Missions        | - | - | - | - | - | 23 20   |
| Foreign Missions     | - | - | - | - | - | 37 39   |
| Education            | - | - | - | - | - | 6 76    |
| Orphanage            | - | - | - | - | - | 16 69   |
| Ministers' Relief    | - | - | - | - | - | 4 41    |

Total, 140 37

A. L. TATUM,  
W. R. BLACKBURN,  
W. F. MELVIN,  
H. H. HILBURN,  
Committee.

On motion, the Finance Committee was instructed to turn over the funds in their hands to the Treasurer, and the Treasurer pay them over to the objects for which they are intended. On motion, the Bladen and Central Unions be requested to pay the clerk \$3.00 each for his services. Yates Chapel having disbanded, it was on motion dropped from the list of churches, and the name of Smith's Chapel changed to Garland. On motion, the Clerk have as many minutes printed as the funds in hand will justify.

F. S. AVERITT,  
Clerk.

ELDER W. S. MELVIN,  
Moderator.

## REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

## Galeed Society—

|                    |   |   |   |   |   |        |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---|--------|
| Christmas Offering | - | - | - | - | - | \$2 00 |
| Foreign Missions   | - | - | - | - | - | 5 95   |
| Self Denial        | - | - | - | - | - | 2 25   |
| State Missions     | - | - | - | - | - | 4 20   |
| Home Missions      | - | - | - | - | - | 3 10   |

Total,

\$17.50Miss M. E. SINGLETARY,  
Secretary.Miss S. D. SINGLETARY,  
President.

## Abbottsburg Society.

|                  |   |   |   |   |   |        |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|--------|
| Foreign Missions | - | - | - | - | - | \$4 00 |
| Home Missions    | - | - | - | - | - | 4 25   |
| Other Objects    | - | - | - | - | - | 6 51   |

\$14 76Total,  
Mrs E. F. THOMPSON,  
Secretary.Mrs. BETTIE THOMPSON,  
President.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

| CHURCHES              | Baptized. | Received by Letter. | Restored. | Dismissed by Letter. | Excluded. | Died. | Males. | Females. | Total Membership. |
|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|-------|--------|----------|-------------------|
| Brown's Creek.....    | 15        | ...                 | ...       | ...                  | 2         | 2     | 30     | 57       | 87                |
| Abbottsburg.....      | ...       | ...                 | ...       | 1                    | 12        | ...   | 14     | 38       | 52                |
| Bethel.....           | ...       | 1                   | 1         | ...                  | 4         | ...   | 25     | 35       | 60                |
| Clarkton.....         | ...       | ...                 | ...       | ...                  | ...       | ...   | ...    | ...      | ...               |
| Brier Branch.....     | ...       | ...                 | ...       | ...                  | ...       | ...   | ...    | ...      | ...               |
| Centre Road.....      | ...       | ...                 | 1         | ...                  | 5         | 12    | 25     | 37       | 62                |
| French's Creek.....   | ...       | ...                 | ...       | 2                    | ...       | ...   | 12     | 57       | 69                |
| Cypress Creek.....    | ...       | 4                   | ...       | ...                  | ...       | ...   | 25     | 61       | 90                |
| Galed.....            | 7         | 4                   | 1         | ...                  | 4         | 1     | 61     | 105      | 166               |
| Mt. Pleasant (B)..... | ...       | ...                 | ...       | ...                  | ...       | ...   | 20     | 30       | 50                |
| Shady Grove.....      | ...       | ...                 | ...       | ...                  | 4         | 2     | 14     | 60       | 74                |
| Salt Marsh.....       | 6         | ...                 | ...       | ...                  | ...       | ...   | 26     | 36       | 62                |
| Sandy Grove.....      | ...       | ...                 | ...       | 3                    | 1         | 2     | 26     | 33       | 59                |
| White Lake.....       | ...       | 1                   | ...       | ...                  | 1         | 1     | 40     | 64       | 104               |
| Waddell's.....        | ...       | ...                 | ...       | 1                    | 3         | 1     | 42     | 78       | 120               |
| Zion Hill.....        | 1         | ...                 | ...       | ...                  | 1         | 2     | 10     | 17       | 27                |
| St. Joseph.....       | 5         | 3                   | 3         | 1                    | ...       | ...   | 25     | 33       | 58                |
| Garland.....          | ...       | ...                 | ...       | ...                  | 1         | ...   | 8      | 12       | 20                |
| Beard's Chapel.....   | ...       | ...                 | ...       | ...                  | ...       | ...   | 24     | 43       | 67                |
| White Oak.....        | 3         | ...                 | ...       | ...                  | ...       | ...   | 22     | 27       | 49                |
| Mt. Pleasant (S)..... | 3         | 9                   | ...       | 4                    | 2         | 1     | 72     | 144      | 216               |
| Hickory Grove.....    | 11        | 2                   | 6         | ...                  | 5         | ...   | 66     | 103      | 169               |
| Paradise.....         | 1         | ...                 | ...       | 3                    | ...       | ...   | 17     | 33       | 50                |
| Cape Fear.....        | ...       | ...                 | ...       | ...                  | ...       | ...   | ...    | ...      | ...               |
| Corinth.....          | ...       | ...                 | ...       | ...                  | ...       | ...   | ...    | ...      | ...               |
| Love's Grove.....     | ...       | 2                   | ...       | ...                  | 3         | 1     | 14     | 19       | 33                |
| Thumb Swamp.....      | 4         | ...                 | ...       | ...                  | 1         | ...   | 26     | 29       | 55                |
| Peter's Creek.....    | ...       | 5                   | 1         | ...                  | ...       | ...   | 24     | 43       | 67                |
| Shiloh.....           | 2         | ...                 | ...       | 6                    | 2         | 4     | 37     | 56       | 83                |
| Total.....            | 58        | 26                  | 9         | 30                   | 41        | 25    | 705    | 1150     | 1855              |

Statistical Tables.

| CHURCHES              | Pastor's Salary. | Incidental Expenses. | Poor. | Minute Fund. | Repairs. | Association Missions. | State Missions. | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Education. | Orphanage. | Minister's Retel. | Other Objects. | Sum Total of all Church Expenses and Contributions. |
|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------|--------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Brown's Creek.....    | 30 00            | ...                  | ...   | 35           | ...      | ...                   | 12 00           | 2 57           | ...               | ...        | 30         | ...               | ...            | 35 94                                               |
| Abbottsburg.....      | 40 00            | 6 50                 | ...   | 30           | ...      | ...                   | 3 42            | 3 00           | 1 00              | 4 29       | 100        | ...               | ...            | 61 37                                               |
| Bethel.....           | 33 00            | 3 00                 | ...   | 50           | ...      | ...                   | 1 05            | 1 00           | 1 23              | 1 11       | 82         | 41                | ...            | 41 92                                               |
| Clarkton.....         | ...              | ...                  | ...   | ...          | ...      | ...                   | ...             | ...            | ...               | ...        | ...        | ...               | ...            | ...                                                 |
| Brier Branch.....     | ...              | ...                  | ...   | ...          | ...      | ...                   | ...             | ...            | ...               | ...        | ...        | ...               | ...            | ...                                                 |
| Centre Road.....      | 10 93            | ...                  | ...   | 34           | 6 00     | ...                   | 1 00            | 1 00           | 1 00              | 1 00       | 50         | 4 59              | ...            | 26 26                                               |
| French's Creek.....   | 40 00            | ...                  | ...   | 36           | ...      | ...                   | 1 00            | 1 00           | 2 00              | 3 00       | 80         | 6 22              | ...            | 54 38                                               |
| Cypress Creek.....    | ...              | ...                  | ...   | 1 00         | ...      | ...                   | 1 00            | 1 00           | 1 00              | 75         | 1 00       | 40                | ...            | 5 25                                                |
| Galed.....            | 125 00           | ...                  | ...   | 2 05         | ...      | 9 25                  | 31 14           | 21 14          | 45 21             | 83 14      | 45         | 7 07              | 42 55          | 312 93                                              |
| Mt. Pleasant (B)..... | 21 00            | ...                  | 50    | 50           | 165 88   | ...                   | 50              | 50             | 25                | 25         | 50         | 50                | 50             | 190 88                                              |
| Shady Grove.....      | ...              | ...                  | ...   | 75           | ...      | ...                   | 1 55            | ...            | ...               | ...        | ...        | ...               | ...            | 2 30                                                |
| Suggs' Grove.....     | 40 00            | ...                  | ...   | 50           | ...      | 50                    | ...             | 25             | ...               | ...        | 25         | ...               | ...            | 42 00                                               |
| Salt Marsh.....       | 60 00            | 12 28                | 4 47  | 50           | ...      | 1 50                  | 1 50            | 1 00           | 1 00              | 1 50       | ...        | 1 00              | ...            | 85 05                                               |
| Sandy Grove.....      | 11 05            | ...                  | ...   | ...          | 14 60    | ...                   | 2 00            | ...            | 93                | ...        | ...        | ...               | ...            | 28 58                                               |
| White Lake.....       | 60 00            | ...                  | ...   | 1 00         | ...      | 5 00                  | 1 00            | 2 00           | 1 00              | 2 50       | 1 00       | ...               | ...            | 73 50                                               |
| Waddell's.....        | 5 00             | ...                  | ...   | ...          | ...      | ...                   | ...             | ...            | ...               | 2 50       | ...        | ...               | ...            | 5 00                                                |
| Zion Hill.....        | 30 00            | ...                  | ...   | 30           | ...      | 50                    | 2 00            | 1 00           | 1 55              | 1 00       | 1 00       | 7 92              | ...            | 46 27                                               |
| St. Joseph.....       | ...              | ...                  | ...   | ...          | ...      | ...                   | 1 00            | ...            | ...               | ...        | ...        | ...               | ...            | 1 00                                                |
| Garland.....          | 38 00            | ...                  | 1 50  | 50           | ...      | ...                   | 30              | 60             | 20                | ...        | ...        | ...               | ...            | 50 20                                               |
| Beard's Chapel.....   | 33 00            | ...                  | ...   | 40           | ...      | 30                    | 1 00            | 1 00           | 1 00              | ...        | ...        | ...               | ...            | 3 70                                                |
| White Oak.....        | 100 00           | 40 00                | ...   | 1 00         | 56 00    | 4 02                  | 15 00           | 5 00           | 2 50              | ...        | 5 00       | 87                | 5 21           | 233 60                                              |
| Mt. Pleasant (S)..... | ...              | ...                  | ...   | ...          | ...      | ...                   | ...             | ...            | ...               | ...        | ...        | ...               | ...            | ...                                                 |
| Hickory Grove.....    | 60 00            | 12 00                | ...   | 75           | 288 29   | 1 00                  | 11 64           | 2 30           | 6 18              | 1 00       | 5 00       | ...               | ...            | 380 91                                              |
| Paradise.....         | 14 20            | ...                  | ...   | ...          | ...      | ...                   | 1 00            | 1 00           | ...               | ...        | ...        | ...               | ...            | 16 20                                               |
| Cape Fear.....        | ...              | ...                  | ...   | 50           | ...      | ...                   | 1 00            | ...            | 50                | ...        | ...        | ...               | ...            | 1 50                                                |
| Corinth.....          | ...              | ...                  | ...   | ...          | ...      | ...                   | ...             | ...            | ...               | ...        | ...        | ...               | ...            | ...                                                 |
| Love's Grove.....     | 2 50             | 1 75                 | ...   | 25           | ...      | 45                    | ...             | 50             | 1 00              | ...        | ...        | ...               | ...            | 6 45                                                |
| Thumb Swamp.....      | 25 00            | ...                  | ...   | ...          | ...      | ...                   | ...             | 1 00           | 1 00              | ...        | ...        | ...               | ...            | 27 00                                               |
| Peter's Creek.....    | ...              | ...                  | ...   | 50           | ...      | ...                   | 1 00            | 1 00           | 1 00              | ...        | 1 00       | 1 00              | ...            | 5 50                                                |
| Shiloh.....           | ...              | ...                  | ...   | 30           | ...      | ...                   | 1 50            | 1 00           | 1 00              | 1 00       | 1 00       | 1 00              | ...            | 6 80                                                |
| Total.....            | \$778 68         | 75 53                | 6 77  | 12 65        | 523 77   | 16 02                 | 84 85           | 50 08          | 67 04             | 28 83      | 42 90      | 15 76             | 68 40          | 1,744 73                                            |

| CHURCHES.                    | Officers and Teachers | Scholars | School Expenses. | Contributions. | Vols in Library. | Papers & Quarters Taken. | Superintendent's Post Offices. |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Brown's Creek.....           | 4                     | 36       | 3 00             | 3 00           | 3 00             | 48                       | J D Edwards, E. Town.          |
| Abbottsburg.....             | 3                     | 30       | 5 00             | 5 00           | 30               | 25                       | R B Baie, Abbottsburg.         |
| Bethel.....                  | 4                     | 30       | 8 70             | 8 70           | ...              | 25                       | F Wills, Dublin.               |
| Centre Road.....             | 4                     | 40       | 2 29             | 2 29           | ...              | 20                       | L T Hester, Guyton.            |
| French's Creek.....          | 7                     | 71       | 10 92            | 10 92          | 55               | 27                       | C B Pridgen, Kelly.            |
| Galed.....                   | 8                     | 108      | 1 00             | 25 47          | ...              | 1                        | T C Hilbur, Bladenboro.        |
| Shady Grove.....             | 5                     | 30       | 1 00             | 4 00           | ...              | 27                       | W J Burk, Abbottsburg.         |
| Suggs' Grove.....            | 6                     | 105      | 2 50             | 2 50           | ...              | 38                       | J L Grice, Jerome.             |
| Salt Marsh.....              | 7                     | 73       | 1 00             | 1 75           | 32               | 36                       | W J Kelly, Nat Moore.          |
| Sandy Grove.....             | 5                     | 50       | 4 00             | 4 00           | 80               | 50                       | R M Marshburn.                 |
| White Lake.....              | 6                     | 30       | 1 50             | 1 50           | ...              | 25                       | E E W. Reub, Garland.          |
| Garland.....                 | 6                     | 100      | 8 00             | 13 56          | ...              | 1                        | A E E. Maron, White Oak.       |
| White Oak.....               | 4                     | 40       | 1 50             | 1 50           | 40               | 22                       | D A Smith, Clay Fork.          |
| Peter's Creek.....           | ...                   | ...      | ...              | ...            | ...              | ...                      | H C Pridgen, Bladenboro.       |
| Bladenboro (S. S.).....      | ...                   | ...      | ...              | ...            | ...              | ...                      | ...                            |
| Branch of Galed (S. S.)..... | ...                   | 15       | 14 35            | 29 66          | ...              | ...                      | ...                            |









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| BRUNT, WILLIAM, ..... | WHITE OAK, N. C.     |
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| BRISSON, W. L .....   | GUYTON, N. C.        |
| CARTER, HENRY .....   | GARLAND, N. C.       |
| DOWNING, J. W .....   | DOWNINGSVILLE, N. C. |
| FREEMAN, A. J .....   | BLADENBORO, N. C.    |
| HILBUBN, D. H .....   | BLADENBORO, N. C.    |
| HESTER, S .....       | BLADENBORO, N. C.    |
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| MELVIN, W. S .....    | WHITE OAK, N. C.     |

## CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.

*Brown's Creek*—By Letter.

*Abbottsburg*—J. T. Averitt.

*Bethel*—By Letter

*Clarkton*—Not Represented.

*Brier Branch*—Rev. J. W. Downing, M. Johnson.

*Centre Roads*—Not Represented.

*Frenches Creek*—By Letter.

*Cypress Creek*—A. S. Smith, J. W. Smith, B. S. Smith.

*Galeed*—F. S. Averitt, J. N. Kelly

*Mt. Pleasant (B)*—By Letter.

*Shady Grove*—Not Represented.

*Sugg's Grove*—Not Represented.

*Salt Marsh*—W. J. Kelly, J. W. Collins, H. G. Squires.

*Sandy Grove*—W. O. Guyton.

*White Lake*—J. W. Marshburn, S. Norris, W. H. Marshburn.

*Waddells*—By Letter.

*Zion Hill*—By Letter.

*St. Joseph*—Not Represented.

*Garland*—M. C. Cashwell, A. Rich, W. F. Bordaux.

*Beards Chappell*—C. B. Smith, A. Norrice, M. Long.

*White Oak*—A. L. Tatum, G. W. Register, A. S. Cain.

*Mt. Pleasant (S)*—Not Represented.

*Hickory Grove*—By Letter.

*Paradise*—Not Represented.

*Cape Fear*—C. Martin, M. P. Cain.

*Corinth*—Not Represented.

*Loves Grove*—By Letter.

*Thumb Swamp*—Not Represented.

*Peter's Creek*—A. Simmons, N. S. Smith, D. A. Smith.

*Shiloh*—J. L. Cain, J. H. McGhee.

## WRITERS FOR NEXT SESSION.

*HOME MISSIONS*—A. J. FREEMAN.

*FOREIGN MISSIONS*—J. T. AVERITT.

*STATE MISSIONS*—W. M. BRISSON.

*PERIODICALS*—D. M. MELVIN.

*INTEMPERANCE*—F. P. CALLIHAN.

*MINISTERIAL SUPPORT*—W. L. BRISSON.

*MINISTERS RELIEF*—S. H. HILLBURN.

*EDUCATION*—WM. BRUNT.

*ORPHANAGE*—F. F. NEWTON.

*BIBLE SCHOOLS*—W. O. GUYTON.

# PROCEEDINGS.

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GARLAND CHURCH,

Sampson Co., N. C. Nov. 6, 1901.

The Bladen County Baptist Association met in its Tenth Annual Session with this church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. H. C. Dillard, from Matthew 22nd chapter, 18th, 24th and 36th verses. A recess of 45 minutes was then given for refreshments.

The Association then re-assembled in the house. A. S. Smith and J. T. Averitt were appointed a Committee on Finance.

On motion, the reading of letters was dispensed with and the letters turned over to the Finance Committee.

The Association then organized by re-electing Elder W. S. Melvin, Moderator; and F. S. Averitt, Clerk and Treasurer.

The male members of this church were appointed a committee on Religious Exercises during the session.

Rev. H. C. Dillard, from the Tar River Association, B. Mathis, and C. C. Corbit, from the Eastern, were welcomed to seats. The Committee on Religious Exercises reports preaching tonight by Rev. H. C. Dillard. Dr. N. B. Cobb, from the Eastern, and Rev. W. R. Johnson, from the Cedar Creek Association, were welcomed to seats.

Rev. W. R. Johnson, addressed the Association on the subject of church extention. A cash collection was then taken to help build a church house at Evergreen. in Cumberland County, amounting to 92 cents. The Association then adjourned till 9:30 a. m., tomorrow. Prayer by W. R. Johnson.



## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional Exercises conducted by Elder, Wm. Brunt.  
Minutes of yesterday read and adopted

## REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Our Home Mission work is the work being done throughout our Southern States, the different Territories, Mexico, and the West Indies Island. We should give of our means for the support of this particular object as God has prospered us. The frontier work is one we think demands our especial attention. They continually need our prayers and means.

A. L. TATUM,  
Committee.

Remarks by Dr. N. B. Cobb. A cash collection was then taken for Home Missions amounting to 78 cents.

## PLEDGES FOR HOME MISSIONS.

|                    |         |                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|
| Brown's Creek..... | \$ 1 00 | Garland.....       | \$ 1 00 |
| Abbottsburg.....   | 1 50    | White Oak.....     | 5 00    |
| Bethel.....        | 1 00    | Hickory Grove..... | 2 00    |
| Galeed.....        | 25 00   | Loves Grove.....   | 1 00    |
| Sugg's Grove.....  | 1 00    | Thumb Swamp.....   | 1 00    |
| Sandy Grove.....   | 2 00    | Peter's Creek..... | 1 00    |
| White Lake.....    | 1 00    | Shiloh.....        | 1 50    |
| Zion Hill.....     | 1 00    | Total.....         | \$46 00 |

## REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Baptist seemed a century ago to despise education almost. They had been persecuted so by the educated Establishment. But they have seen their folly in so doing. Now they are among the most earnest and successful promoters of real christian education. Wake Forest College has opened this year with better prospects than ever before. By actual trial she has no reason to be otherwise than proud of her boys as compared with the student of any College or University in the state. The Baptist Female University located at Raleigh, is a wonderful success. It is hoped that the Baptist Female University shall soon be second to no Institution of Learning in all America. Oxford Female Seminary, Chowan Institute and many others, are first class schools. The Baptist are not chiefly concerned for the schools of Higher Learning. They have made wonderful progress in private schools and academies. They have been giving increased attention to Theological Education, fine instruction therein is given at

W. F. College. But the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, once at Greenville, S. C. now at Louisville, Ky. gives the very finest Theological training. Let us thank God and pray for evergrowing activity.

WM. BRUNT,

Committee.

Remarks by Wm. Brunt and N. B. Cobb. A cash collection for education amounting to 39 cents.

#### PLEDGES FOR EDUCATION.

|                     |         |                    |         |
|---------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|
| Abbottsburg.....    | \$ 1 00 | Garland .....      | \$ 2 00 |
| Bethel.....         | 1 00    | Beards Chapel..... | 1 00    |
| Cypress Creek ..... | 1 00    | White Oak.....     | 5 00    |
| Galeed .....        | 20 00   | Hickory Grove..... | 1 00    |
| Suggs Grove.....    | 1 00    | Thumb Swamp.....   | 1 00    |
| Sandy Grove .....   | 1 00    | Peter's Creek..... | 1 00    |
| White Lake .....    | 1 00    | Shiloh.....        | 1 00    |
| Zion Hill.....      | 1 00    | Total .....        | \$38 00 |

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We the Baptist of North Carolina, are glad to know that so much is being done for this cause. May God bless these good people who are not only giving of their means, but are reading and are finding out what God has commanded them to do.

H. C. DILLARD,

Committee.

Remarks by H. C. Dillard and A. J. Freeman. A cash collection was taken for Foreign Missions amounting to \$1.47.

#### PLEDGES FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

|                     |         |                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| Brown's Creek.....  | \$ 1 00 | Garland.....        | \$ 1 00 |
| Abbottsburg .....   | 2 00    | Beards Chapel.....  | 1 00    |
| Bethel.....         | 1 00    | White Oak.....      | 7 50    |
| Cypress Creek ..... | 1 00    | Hickory Grove ..... | 2 00    |
| Galeed .....        | 32 00   | Loves Chapel.....   | 1 00    |
| Suggs Chapel.....   | 1 00    | Peter's Chapel..... | 1 00    |
| Sandy Grove.....    | 2 00    | Shiloh.....         | 1 50    |
| White Lake.....     | 2 00    | Total.....          | \$58 50 |
| Zion Hill.....      | 1 50    |                     |         |

#### REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Sum up what the ministers of North Carolina ought to receive for their services; then sum up what they really receive, and then find the difference. This difference is what the ministers give for upholding the cause of Christ. Now sum up the contributions of the entire

denomination for their pastors and all other causes, it will be seen that this last sum will not be equal to the difference which shows what ministers really contribute. Therefore ministers contribute more to uphold the cause of Christ than the entire denomination. Inference is very plain viz ; ministers ought to receive better support.

WM. BRUNT,

Committee.

Report adopted. The Association then adjourned for 45 minutes.

## EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called together by singing.

### REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is one of the greatest sins of our country. We are taught in the word of God to be temperate in all things. I would therefore earnestly urge upon the brethren of the Bladen Association, to be a temperate people, and that our churches do all in their power to put down the sin of intemperance. I also recommend that Temperance be faithfully taught in our pulpits and Sunday Schools. Public sentiment against the drink habit will do much towards removing the curse from our people.

A. S. AVERITT,

Committee.

Rev. F. S. Conrad spoke to the report, and report adopted.

There being no prepared report on State Missions, the subject was taken up and discussed by Rev. Livingston Johnson, a cash collection for State Missions was then taken amounting to \$3.05.

### PLEDGES FOR STATE MISSIONS.

|                     |         |                      |         |
|---------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| Brown's Creek ..... | \$ 1 00 | Garland .....        | \$ 1 00 |
| Abbottsburg .....   | 2 00    | Beard's Chapel ..... | 1 00    |
| Bethel .....        | 1 00    | White Oak .....      | 12 50   |
| Cypress Creek ..... | 1 00    | Hickory Grove .....  | 3 00    |
| Galeed .....        | 30 00   | Loves Grove .....    | 1 00    |
| Sandy Grove .....   | 3 00    | Peter's Creek .....  | 1 00    |
| White Lake .....    | 2 00    | Shiloh .....         | 1 20    |
| Zion Hill .....     | 1 00    | Total .....          | \$62 00 |

## REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The "Biblical Recorder," "North Carolina Baptist," "Charity and Children," "Foreign Mission Journal," The "Home Field" ought to be found in all our homes. They will prove great educators to old and young, male and female. The careful reading of these periodicals will surely be blessed to our having a better heart and greater ability and doing more in every good word and work.

WM. BRUNT,

Committee.

Remarks by L. Johnson and S. F. Conrad, and report adopted.

The Association then adjourned till 9:30 tomorrow.

## THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

Devotional Exercises conducted by F. F. Newton. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

Rev. T. N. Johnson, representing the State Sunday School work, and E. S. Herring, from the South River Association were welcomed to seats.

## REPORT ON MINISTERS RELIEF.

In as much as our aged ministers have borne the burden heat of the day in the Masters cause, we do recommend that each church and Sunday School, take one collection or more during the year for this worthy object.

S. F. CONRAD,

Committee.

Remarks by A. J. Freeman and S. F. Conrad.

## PLEDGES FOR MINISTERS RELIEF.

|                     |         |                      |         |
|---------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| Abbottsburg .....   | \$ 1 00 | Beard's Chapel ..... | \$ 1 00 |
| Cypress Creek ..... | 1 00    | White Oak .....      | 3 00    |
| Galeed .....        | 5 00    | Hickory Grove .....  | 1 00    |
| Sugg's Chapel ..... | 50      | Loves Grove .....    | 50      |
| Salt Marsh .....    | 1 00    | Thumb Swamp .....    | 1 00    |
| Sandy Grove .....   | 1 00    | Peter's Creek .....  | 1 00    |
| White Lake .....    | 1 50    | Shiloh .....         | 50      |
| Zion Hill .....     | 1 00    |                      |         |
| Garland .....       | 1 00    | Total .....          | \$21 00 |

## REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee recommend that there be an evergreen Bible School in each Church in the Bladen Association, and all sound helps be used in connection with the Bible.

A. J. FREEMAN,  
Committee.

Remarks by Neill Johnson, report adopted.

## REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The grand and noble work that the Baptist of North Carolina are trying to do for the little homeless ones of our state is only the beginning of the work which should lie very near the hearts of the people of North Carolina. "We should attempt great things for God," and expect great from God. The number of children should run up to one thousand. Truly the little homeless waif are here and the Lord has money enough in North Carolina to clothe and educate, every little homeless child within our borders. A great plan is now on foot to supply the building with waterworks. Brethren, let us put our shoulders to the wheel, let the mighty host of North Carolina rise in their strength, and supply and thoroughly fix up a home for these little ones. The Master cares for little children. Let us train them up for time and for eternity. "In as much, as ye have done unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

C. C. CORBETT,  
Committee.

Remarks by S. F. Conrad, a cash collection was then taken for the Orphanage amounting to \$1.79.

## PLEDGES FOR THE ORPHANAGE.

|                    |         |                     |         |
|--------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| Abbottsburg.....   | \$ 1 00 | Garland.....        | \$ 1 00 |
| Bethel.....        | 1 00    | Beard's Chapel..... | 1 00    |
| Cypress Creek..... | 1 00    | White Oak.....      | 5 00    |
| Galeed.....        | 5 00    | Hickory Grove.....  | 1 00    |
| Sugg's Grove.....  | 50      | Loves Grove.....    | 50      |
| Salt Marsh.....    | 1 00    | Thumb Swamp.....    | 1 00    |
| Sandy Grove.....   | 1 00    | Peter's Creek.....  | 1 00    |
| White Lake.....    | 1 50    | Shiloh.....         | 1 00    |
| Zion Hill.....     | 1 00    | Total.....          | \$24 50 |

On motion it was agreed that the next session of this Association be held with the Galeed Church, Bladen County, N. C., commencing on Wednesday before the second Sunday in November, 1902. Rev. W. S. Ballard to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder Wm Brunt, alternate. Rev. A. J.



Freeman to preach the Missionary Sermon, Rev. S. F. Conrad, alternate.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention, Revs. W. S. Ballard, A. J. Freeman; To Baptist State Convention, Revs. A. J. Freeman, Wm. Brunt, W. S. Melvin; Members of State Mission Board, A. J. Freeman.

Corresponding Messengers to Sister Associations, Eastern, Henry Carter; South River, A. D. Carter; Cedar Creek, A. Simmons; Robeson, Willie Monroe; Columbus, J. N. Kelly.

#### TREASURERS REPORT.

Nov. 9, 1900—Received from Finance Committee at Mt. Pleasant.

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| For Minute Fund.....          | \$ 12 65 |
| For Association Missions..... | 1 75     |
| For State Missions.....       | 37 52    |
| For Home Missions.....        | 23 20    |
| For Foreign Missions.....     | 37 39    |
| For Education.....            | 6 76     |
| For Orphanage.....            | 16 69    |
| For Ministers Relief.....     | 4 41     |
| Total.....                    | \$140 37 |

#### DISBURSED.

|                                         |          |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid for Minutes and Blank Letters..... | \$ 10 75 |
| Paid to Association Missions.....       | 1 75     |
| Paid to State Missions.....             | 37 52    |
| Paid to Home Missions.....              | 23 20    |
| Paid to Foreign Missions.....           | 37 39    |
| Paid to Education.....                  | 6 76     |
| Paid to Orphanage.....                  | 16 69    |
| Paid to Ministers Relief.....           | 4 41     |
| To balance in hand for Minute Fund..... | 1 90     |
| Total.....                              | \$140 37 |

F. S. AVERITT, *Treasurer.*

#### FINANCE REPORT.

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Minute Fund.....          | \$ 10 74 |
| Association Missions..... | 1 85     |
| Foreign Missions.....     | 9 13     |
| Home Missions.....        | 26 40    |
| State Missions.....       | 45 50    |
| Orphanage.....            | 7 85     |

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Ministers Relief ..... | 10 07           |
| Education .....        | 17 74           |
| Total .....            | <u>\$129 28</u> |

A. S. SMITH, }  
J. T. AVERITT, } *Committee.*

On motion the Finance Committee was instructed to pay over the funds in their hands, to the Treasurer; and the Treasurer pay them over to the objects for which they are intended. On motion the Clerk was instructed to use \$10.00 of the Minute funds in his hands for getting out minutes, and take the remaining \$2.64 for his services- The Bladen and Central Unions are requested to pay the Clerk \$1.68 each

#### VOTE OF THANKS.

*Resolved*—That the thanks of this Association are hereby expressed to the Brethren and Sisters and freinds of Garland, for thier true christian hospitality.

WM. BRUNT.

On motion, the Association adjourned by singing and taking the parting hand.

W. S. MELVIN,

F. S. AVERITT,  
*Clerk.*

*Moderator.*

#### REPORTS OF W. M. SOCIETIES.

##### GALEED SOCIETY:

|                           |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Christmas Offerings ..... | \$ 3 00        |
| Home Missions .....       | 5 00           |
| Foreign Missions .....    | 7 40           |
| State Missions .....      | 10 75          |
| Total .....               | <u>\$26 15</u> |

MISS S. D. SINGLETARY,

MISS M. E. SINGLETARY,  
*Secretary.*

*President.*

##### ABBOTTSBURG SOCIETY:

Collected .....

6 00

MRS. C. R. THOMPSON,

MRS. J. K. BALDWIN,  
*Secretary.*

*President.*

##### FRENCHES CREEK SOCIETY:

|                        |                |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Foreign Missions ..... | \$ 1 00        |
| State Missions .....   | 2 00           |
| Total .....            | <u>\$ 3 00</u> |

MISS MARY TIPPETT,

MISS IRENE ANDERS,  
*Secretary.*

*President.*

## CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

| CHURCHES.             | CLERKS.               | POSTOFFICES.             |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Brown's Creek.....    | W. B. Hester.....     | Elizabethtown..... N. C. |
| Abbottsburg.....      | J. T. Averitt.....    | Abbottsburg..... "       |
| Bethel.....           | C. W. King.....       | Dublin..... "            |
| Frenches Creek.....   | E. W. Moore.....      | Kellys..... "            |
| Cypress Creek.....    | Alex Smith.....       | Cypress Creek..... "     |
| Galeed.....           | T. C. Hillburn.....   | Bladenboro..... "        |
| Mt. Pleasant (B)..... | S. H. Hillburn.....   | Register..... "          |
| Salt Marsh.....       | W. M. Squires.....    | Natmoore..... "          |
| Sandy Grove.....      | A. Z. Davis.....      | Bladenboro..... "        |
| White Lake.....       | R. H. Marshburn.....  | Ham..... "               |
| Zion Hill.....        | M. Hester.....        | Bladenboro..... "        |
| Garland.....          | Wiley Cains.....      | Garland..... "           |
| Beard's Chapel.....   | L. M. Barnes.....     | Garland..... "           |
| White Oak.....        | D. M. Melvin.....     | White Oak..... "         |
| Hickory Grove.....    | Seth Lewis.....       | Brompton..... "          |
| Cape Fear.....        | B. A. Downing.....    | Elizabethtown..... "     |
| Loves Grove.....      | N. B. Singletary..... | Tar Heel..... "          |
| Peter's Creek.....    | Alex Simmons.....     | Floyd..... "             |
| Shiloh.....           | W. Sewell.....        | Elease..... "            |

## SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

| CHURCHES.              | Officers and Teachers. | No. Scholars. | School Expenses. | Contributions. | No. Papers Taken. | SUPERINTENDENTS & P. O.       |
|------------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Abbottsburg .....      | 4                      | 40            | 5 00             | \$ 1 88        | 24                | R. R. Buie, Abbottsburg.      |
| Brier Branch .....     | 4                      | 27            |                  |                |                   | J. W. Downing, Downingsville  |
| Frenches Creek .....   | 5                      | 20            |                  |                | 25                | C. B. Pridgen, Kelly          |
| Cypress Creek .....    | 6                      | 50            | 3 00             | 1 50           | 25                | A. S. Smith, Cypress Creek.   |
| Galeed .....           | 9                      | 50            | 11 84            | 12 82          | 158               | F. P. Callihan, Bladenboro.   |
| Mt. Pleasant (B) ..... | 3                      | 36            | 2 14             |                | 15                | S. H. Hillburn, Register.     |
| Salt Marsh .....       | 6                      | 72            | 2 50             | 2 50           | 30                | J. M. Brown, Natmoore.        |
| Sandy Grove .....      | 7                      | 80            | 97               | 1 92           |                   | I. A. Davis, Elizabethtown.   |
| White Lake .....       | 6                      | 40            |                  | 5 00           | 50                | R. H. Marshburn, Ham.         |
| Zion Hill .....        | 3                      | 12            | 1 53             |                | 17                | M. Hester, Bladenboro.        |
| White Oak .....        | 7                      | 100           | 25 00            | 13 00          |                   | A. E. Martin, White Oak.      |
| Loves Grove .....      | 6                      | 30            |                  |                |                   | N. B. Singletary, Bladenboro. |
| Shiloh .....           | 6                      | 46            | 1 30             |                | 18                | T. J. Ellis, Elease.          |
| Bladenboro S. S. ....  | 5                      | 102           | 14 96            | 33 63          | 102               | H. C. Bridgers, Bladenboro.   |

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.

| CHURCHES.        | Baptized. | Received by Letter. | Restored. | Dismissed by Letter. | Excluded. | Died. | Males. | Females. | Total Membership. | Pastors Salary. | Incidental Expenses. | Poor. | Minute Fund. | Association Missions. | State Missions. | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Education. | Orphanage. | Ministers Relief. | Other Objects. | Sum Total of all Expenses and Contributions. |
|------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|-------|--------|----------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------|
|                  |           |                     |           |                      |           |       |        |          |                   |                 |                      |       |              |                       |                 |                |                   |            |            |                   |                |                                              |
| Brown's Creek    | 1         |                     |           |                      | 1         | 1     | 40     | 44       | 74                | \$ 40 00        | \$ 85                |       | \$ 30        | \$ 67                 | \$ 78           | \$ 65          | \$ 72             |            | \$ 70      | \$ 74             | \$ 10 00       | \$ 4 26                                      |
| Abbotsburg       |           |                     | 1         | 1                    |           | 1     | 13     | 38       | 51                | 40 00           |                      |       | 40           | 1 00                  | 1 55            | 1 88           | 2 52              | 1 00       | 1 00       | 1 00              | 1 00           | 61 51                                        |
| Bethel           |           | 4                   |           |                      | 1         |       | 26     | 35       | 61                | 30 50           |                      |       | 41           |                       | 1 00            | 1 00           | 1 00              |            |            |                   | 35 50          |                                              |
| Clarkton         |           |                     |           |                      |           |       |        |          |                   |                 |                      |       |              |                       |                 |                |                   |            |            |                   |                |                                              |
| Brier Branch     |           |                     | 1         |                      |           |       | 6      | 10       | 16                |                 |                      |       | 25           |                       |                 |                |                   |            |            |                   | 25             |                                              |
| Centre Road      |           |                     |           |                      |           |       |        |          |                   |                 |                      |       |              |                       |                 |                |                   |            |            |                   |                |                                              |
| Frenches Creek   |           |                     |           | 2                    |           |       | 10     | 53       | 63                | 40 00           |                      |       |              |                       | 2 79            |                | 31                |            |            |                   | 43 13          |                                              |
| Cypress Creek    |           |                     |           | 2                    |           |       | 23     | 57       | 80                | 60 00           |                      |       | 1 00         |                       |                 |                |                   |            |            |                   | 61 00          |                                              |
| Galeed           |           | 4                   |           | 5                    | 5         | 1     | 57     | 112      | 169               | 125 00          | 11 81                |       | 1 05         |                       | 36 88           |                |                   |            |            |                   | 289 18         |                                              |
| Mt. Pleasant (B) | 10        | 4                   |           | 5                    | 5         |       | 8      | 13       | 21                | 27 78           | 40                   | 78    | 35           |                       |                 |                |                   |            |            |                   | 12 61          |                                              |
| Shady Grove      |           | 2                   |           |                      | 2         |       |        |          |                   |                 |                      |       |              |                       |                 |                |                   |            |            |                   | 29 31          |                                              |
| Sugg's Chapel    |           |                     |           |                      |           |       |        |          |                   |                 |                      |       |              |                       |                 |                |                   |            |            |                   |                |                                              |
| Salt Marsh       |           |                     |           |                      |           |       |        |          |                   |                 |                      |       |              |                       |                 |                |                   |            |            |                   |                |                                              |
| Sandy Grove      | 1         |                     |           | 1                    | 1         | 1     | 26     | 34       | 60                | 60 00           | 10 00                |       | 50           |                       | 2 00            | 1 00           | 1 00              | 1 00       | 2 00       | 1 00              | 78 50          |                                              |
| White Lake       |           | 5                   |           | 1                    |           |       | 43     | 63       | 106               | 35 00           | 5 00                 |       | 25           |                       | 3 07            | 1 38           | 2 42              | 1 00       | 1 47       | 1 00              | 61 74          |                                              |
| Waddell's        |           | 1                   | 1         | 3                    | 4         | 2     | 38     | 75       | 113               | 60 00           |                      | 77    | 1 00         |                       | 5 00            |                | 1 00              | 1 50       | 1 00       | 10 13             | 69 50          |                                              |
| Zion Hill        |           | 2                   |           |                      |           |       | 27     | 33       | 60                | 30 00           | 6 25                 |       | 13           | 50                    | 1 00            | 1 00           | 1 00              | 1 00       |            |                   | 6 25           |                                              |
| St. Joseph       |           |                     |           |                      |           |       |        |          |                   |                 |                      |       |              |                       |                 |                |                   |            |            |                   |                |                                              |
| Garland          | 7         |                     |           |                      |           |       | 28     | 44       | 72                | 36 00           |                      |       |              |                       |                 | 65             | 60                |            | 55         |                   | 38 30          |                                              |
| Beard's Chapel   | 15        | 1                   | 1         |                      | 3         | 1     | 24     | 44       | 68                | 12 00           |                      |       | 50           |                       | 50              | 50             | 70                | 26         |            | 50                | 14 76          |                                              |
| White Oak        | 26        | 3                   | 3         | 14                   | 3         | 7     | 73     | 151      | 224               | 100 00          | 10 00                | 18 83 | 2 00         | 2 00                  | 22 39           | 10 00          | 7 00              | 5 00       | 5 00       | 3 00              | 253 78         |                                              |
| Mt. Pleasant(S)  |           |                     |           |                      |           |       |        |          |                   |                 |                      |       |              |                       |                 |                |                   |            |            |                   |                |                                              |
| Hickory Grove.   | 2         |                     | 1         | 6                    | 1         | 6     | 61     | 101      | 162               | 80 00           |                      |       | 1 00         |                       | 4 06            | 3 05           | 3 03              | 1 40       | 1 78       | 2 05              | 96 47          |                                              |
| Paradise         |           |                     |           |                      |           |       |        |          |                   |                 |                      |       |              |                       |                 |                |                   |            |            |                   |                |                                              |
| Cape Fear        |           |                     |           |                      |           |       |        |          |                   |                 |                      |       |              |                       |                 |                |                   |            |            |                   |                |                                              |
| Cornth           |           |                     |           |                      |           | 1     | 8      | 9        | 17                | 14 00           |                      |       | 25           |                       |                 |                |                   |            | 25         |                   | 14 50          |                                              |
| Loves Grove      |           |                     | 1         | 2                    | 1         |       | 14     | 10       | 24                | 25 00           |                      |       |              |                       |                 |                |                   |            |            |                   | 25 65          |                                              |
| Thumb Swamp      |           |                     |           |                      |           |       |        |          |                   |                 |                      |       |              |                       |                 |                |                   |            |            |                   |                |                                              |
| Peter's Creek    |           | 6                   | 1         | 2                    | 3         |       | 25     | 45       | 70                | 50 00           |                      |       | 50           |                       | 1 00            | 1 00           | 1 00              | 1 00       | 1 00       | 50                | 6 00           |                                              |
| Shiloh           | 2         | 1                   | 2         | 2                    | 3         | 2     | 26     | 45       | 81                |                 |                      |       | 40           |                       | 1 43            | 1 43           | 1 00              | 1 00       | 1 00       | 1 00              | 57 26          |                                              |
| Total            | 65        | 33                  | 12        | 43                   | 28        | 25    | 566    | 1026     | 1592              | 825 28          | 44 41                | 20 69 | 11 04        | 3 69                  | 83 45           | 53 75          | 53 36             | 35 76      | 29 25      | 17 24             | 38 99          | 1280 98                                      |



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## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Brunt, William..... | Whiteville, N. C. |
| Bryan, Levi.....    | Cypress Creek, "  |
| Brisson, W. M.....  | Guyton, "         |
| Brisson, W. L.....  | Guyton, "         |
| Carter Henry.....   | Garland, "        |
| Downing, J. W.....  | Downingsville, "  |
| Freeman, A. J.....  | Bladenboro, "     |
| Hilburn, D. H.....  | Bladenboro, "     |
| Hester, S.....      | Bladenboro, "     |
| Hester, C. R.....   | Dublin, "         |
| Johnson, D. L.....  | Downingsville, "  |
| Melvin, W. S.....   | White Oak, "      |

## CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.

*Brown's Creek*—W. B. Hester  
*Abbotsburg*—J. S. Cain, J. T. Averitt.  
*Bethel*—W. M. Brisson, N. Dowless, W. O. Carrell.  
*Clarkton*—J. H. Pruett.  
*Brier Branch*—J. W. Downing.  
*Centre Roads*—I. H. Brisson, J. V. Stubbs, Chas. Pait.  
*Frenches Creek*—Not represented.  
*Cypress Creek*—By Letter.  
*Galeed*—J. M. Frink, A. J. Kelly, S. Hester.  
*Mt. Pleasant (B.)*—S. H. Hilburn.  
*Shady Grove*—E. F. C. Purnell.  
*Sugg's Grove*—J. L. Grice, J. D. Dew.  
*Salt Marsh*—Not represented.  
*Sandy Grove*—T. D. Cain, D. T. Pait, L. T. Hester.  
*White Lake*—J. D. Thomas, D. A. Marshburn.  
*Waldells*—By Letter.  
*Zion Hill*—I. F. Hilburn, M. Hester, H. E. Singletary.  
*St. Joseph*—Not represented.  
*Garland*—Ned Rich.  
*Beards Chappel*—Not represented.  
*White Oak*—A. L. Tatom, D. M. Shaw.  
*Mt. Pleasant (S.)*—Not represented.  
*Hickory Grove*—W. E. Lewis, G. F. Allen, J. N. Singletary.  
*Paradise*—Not represented.  
*Cape Fear*—Not represented.  
*Corinth*—Not represented.  
*Loves Grove*—N. B. Singletary, W. B. Singletary.  
*Thumb Swamp*—Not represented.  
*Peters Creek*—By Letter.  
*Shiloh*—W. A. Sewell, W. H. Butler.

# PROCEEDINGS.

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GALEED CHURCH.

Bladen Co., N. C. Nov. 5 1902

The Bladen County Baptist Association met in its Eleventh Annual Session with this church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. R. L. Byrd, from 1st Tim. 1st chapter and 11th verse. A recess of one hour was then given for refreshments.

The Association then re-assembled in the house. Devotional exercises by Rev. William Brisson. S. H. Hilburn and A. L. Tatom were appointed a Committee on Finance. On motion, the reading of church letters was dispensed with and the letters turned over to the Finance Committee.

The Association then organized by re-electing Elder W. S. Melvin, Moderator: and F. S. Averitt Clerk and Treasurer.

The pastor, Rev. I. P. Hedgepeth delivered an address of welcome to the Association, to which Rev. R. L. Byrd responded.

The pastor and officers of this church were appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises during the session.

Rev. A. H. Porter from the Cape Fear-Columbus Association and Rev. I. P. Hedgepeth from the Robeson Association, were welcomed to seats.

## REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The strength and growth of our denomination depends largely upon the literature. As our religious papers increase in circulation and influence, there is a corresponding increase in the growth and development of our denomination. without a religious paper a baptist home is a barren place. In such a home we need not expect to find intelligent live christians who are up and instructed in every phase of our work. For nearly seventy years the "Biblical Recorder" has been the organ of N. C. Baptist. It has had for its editors men of distinguished abilities, but it is stronger today than ever before and should be in every baptist home in N. C. The "North Carolina Baptist" is doing a grand work: a work that the Recorder could never do, because of its low price, and we cordially recommend it to the

favorable consideration of our people. "Charity and Children" the organ of our Orphanage, is a good paper and should find a place in all our homes. We also recommend the "Foreign Mission Journal" and "Home Field" to our people both of which give information of general mission work. Therefore we recommend that each pastor make a special effort the coming year to get the people to take one or all of these papers.

A. H. PORTER, Committee.

Remarks by A. H. Porter, I. P. Hedgepeth and A. J. Freeman. Report adopted.

There being no written report on Ministers Relief, the subject was taken up and discussed by Revs. I. P. Hedgepeth and R. L. Byrd. A cash collection was taken for Ministers Relief amounting to \$3. 93.

#### PLEDGES FOR MINISTERS RELIEF.

|                    |        |                     |         |
|--------------------|--------|---------------------|---------|
| Abbottsburg .....  | \$1 00 | White Lake .....    | 1 00    |
| Bethel .....       | 1 00   | Zion Hill .....     | 1 25    |
| Brier Branch ..... | 50     | White Oak.....      | 3 00    |
| Galced.....        | 5 00   | Hickory Grove ..... | 1 00    |
| Shady Grove.....   | 1 00   | Love's Grove .....  | 1 00    |
| Sugg's Grove.....  | 1 00   | Peter's Creek ..... | 50      |
| Sandy Grove.....   | 3 00   | Total.....          | \$22 25 |

The Association then adjourned till 9:30 a. m. tomorrow. Prayer by Rev. A. J. Freeman.

#### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional Exercises conducted by Rev. A. H. Porter. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Our institutions of learning are and should be the pride of all North Carolina Baptist. Wake Forest, Female University, Oxford Seminary, Chowan Institute, with all the other similar school should receive our hearty support and co-operation, as well as the Seminary at Louisville. Just at this time the first duty that devolves upon us along the line of education is to liquidate the debt on the Baptist Female University. And this report suggests that all the churches in this Association take collections for that one object at an early date. There is no agency that has contributed so much to the progress of our work as that of our schools and colleges, and has helped



us to stand in the very front ranks of religious activity. Christian Education has for its goal the development of the triune man, body, mind and soul, this alone is carrying out one of the purposes of the Creator.

I. H. HEDGEPEETH, Committee.

Remarks by I. P. Hedgepeth and A. H. Porter. A cash collection was taken for the Baptist Female University, amounting to \$12.11.

#### PLEDGES FOR EDUCATION.

|                     |         |                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| Abbottsburg .....   | \$ 1 00 | White Lake .....    | 1 00    |
| Bethel .....        | 1 00    | Zion Hill .....     | 1 00    |
| Brier Branch .....  | 50      | White Oak .....     | 5 00    |
| Cypress Creek ..... | 1 00    | Hickory Grove ..... | 1 00    |
| Galeed .....        | 20 00   | Love's Grove .....  | 1 00    |
| Sugg's Grove .....  | 1 00    | Shiloh .....        | 1 00    |
| Sandy Grove .....   | 2 00    | Total .....         | \$36 50 |

#### REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

I believe the use of intoxicating liquors to be the greatest evil in our land today. It is not only an evil of itself but it has a tendency to lead men and women into many other evil things. I think it is high time for christian men and women to rise against it and remove it from our land.

F. P. CALLIHAM, Committee.

Remarks by M. J. Barker, I. P. Hedgepeth and R. L. Byrd. Report adopted. The Association then adjourned for 45 minutes.

#### EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called together by singing. It was agreed that the next session of this Association be held with the White Oak Church, Bladen County N. C. commencing on Wednesday before the second Sunday in November 1903. Rev. R. L. Byrd to preach the Introductory Sermon.

#### REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville has proven a great blessing to hundreds of orphan children in N. C. Nearly seven hundred have been trained and educated there. There are five departments of work, the school, the farm, the printing office, the shoe shop and the

Mills Memorial Machine Shops. This great Institution is the outcome of christian men and women and ought to be very near every Baptist's heart. Therefore, we recommend that each church meet on Thanksgiving day Nov. 27, and take a liberal collection for the support of these helpless children. Inasmuch as we do this, for these, we do it for Christ. Matt. 25: 35-44.

A. H. PORTER, Committee.

Remarks by A. H. Porter. A collection was then taken for the orphanage amounting to \$3.92.

#### PLEDGES FOR ORPHANAGE.

|                     |        |                    |                |
|---------------------|--------|--------------------|----------------|
| Brown's Chapel..... | \$1 00 | White Lake.....    | 1 00           |
| Abbottsburg.....    | 2 00   | Zion Hill.....     | 2 00           |
| Bethel.....         | 1 00   | Garland.....       | 1 00           |
| Brier Branch.....   | 1 00   | White Oak.....     | 5 00           |
| Galeed.....         | 5 00   | Hickory Grove..... | 1 00           |
| Shady Grove.....    | 1 00   | Love's Grove.....  | 1 00           |
| Sugg's Grove.....   | 1 00   | Peters Creek.....  | 1 00           |
| Sandy Grove.....    | 2 00   | Shiloh.....        | 1 00           |
| Total.....          |        |                    | <u>\$27 00</u> |

#### REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The gospel ministry being agift from the great head of the church. It is one of the laws of Christs Kingdom, that his ministry be recognized and appreciated by his people in a cordial and liberal support, when he sends his ministers forth with the injunction provide neither purse nor script, nor shoes. He lays down the principle that they must be clothed and fed and provided for by those who are the beneficiaries of their toil sacrifices and labors of love. Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel shall live of the gospel.

W. L. BRISSEX, Committee.

Remarks by L. P. Hedgepeth. W. S. Ballard. A. H. Porter A. J. Freeman. Report adopted.

On motion, a letter of dismission was granted the Clark-ton Church to join the Cape Fear and Columbus Association. On motion the Association adjourned till 9:30 a. m. tomorrow. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Downing.

#### THIRD DAY.

Religious exercises conducted by Rev. A. J. Freeman. Rev. A. D. Hunter representing the Educational work was

welcomed to a seat.

### REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

It is not our purpose to present any new phase of the Sabbath School, but the apostle Peter says "I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though you know them" We know the Sunday School is an established fact, and that it is one of the greatest agencies for the elevation of our boys and girls, and the extension of Gods kingdom in the world. Therefore we urge the teachers to thoroughly prepare themselves to teach Gods word. And let us do all we can to awaken a greater interest in all of our churches, and let the pastors and deacons see that is an evergreen Sabbath School in every church in the Bladen Association.

R. L. BYRD, Committee.

Remarks by A. J. Freeman, D. H. Hilburn and A. D. Hunter. Report adopted.

### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Our Home Mission work is the work done within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. Our work is great in number, great in territory and great in contribution. Still our contributions are not sufficient to meet our growing population with the gospel of our Lord and his Christ. As a missionary people we are under greater obligations than ever before. With our growing cities and towns springing up like magic. Also the foreign population coming in our midst yearly by the thousands. May the Lord help us as a Baptist people to meet them with the gospel.

A. J. FREEMAN, Committee.

Remarks by A. J. Freeman and A. D. Hunter. A cash collection was taken for Home Missions amounting to \$2.24.

### PLEDGES FOR HOME MISSIONS.

|                     |         |                     |       |
|---------------------|---------|---------------------|-------|
| Browns Creek .....  | \$ 2 00 | Sandy Grove .....   | 3 00  |
| Abbottsburg .....   | 2 50    | Zion Hill .....     | 1 00  |
| Bethel .....        | 1 00    | Garland .....       | 1 00  |
| Brier Branch .....  | 1 00    | White Oak .....     | 5 00  |
| Centre Roads .....  | 2 00    | Hickory Grove ..... | 2 00  |
| Cypress Creek ..... | 1 00    | Love's Grove .....  | 1 00  |
| Galeed .....        | 25 00   | Thumb Swamp .....   | 1 00  |
| Shady Grove .....   | 2 00    | Peters Creek .....  | 1 00  |
| Sugg's Grove .....  | 1 00    | Shiloh .....        | 1 00  |
| Salt Marsh .....    | 1 00    | Total .....         | 53 50 |

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We rejoice to note the progress that our people of the Southern Baptist Convention are making in regard to Foreign Missions. The collections for the year were \$173,439.40, the largest amount ever received before. There were 1,439 baptisms on the foreign fields last year, by far the largest we have ever had in one year, twenty new missionaries were sent out during the year, we now have 115 missionaries and 117 native assistants, an entire force of 286 workers. But we should still put forth greater efforts in the future for the harvest is great but the laborers are few. Let us pray God that he may send more laborers into the field.

J. T. AVERITT, Committee.

Remarks by A. J. Freeman and A. D. Hunter. A cash collection was taken for Foreign Missions amounting to \$1.42.

|                     |         |                     |              |
|---------------------|---------|---------------------|--------------|
| Browns Creek .....  | \$ 1 00 | Sandy Grove .....   | 3 00         |
| Abbottsburg .....   | 2 50    | White Lake .....    | 1 00         |
| Bethel .....        | 1 00    | Zion Hill .....     | 2 00         |
| Brier Branch .....  | 50      | Garland .....       | 1 50         |
| Centre Roads .....  | 2 00    | White Oak .....     | 7 50         |
| Cypress Creek ..... | 1 00    | Hickory Grove ..... | 2 00         |
| Galeed .....        | 35 00   | Love's Grove .....  | 1 00         |
| Shady Grove .....   | 3 00    | Thumb Swamp .....   | 1 00         |
| Sugg's grove .....  | 1 00    | Peters Creek .....  | 1 00         |
| Salt Marsh .....    | 2 00    | Shiloh .....        | 2 00         |
| Total .....         |         |                     | <u>71 00</u> |

There being no prepared report on State Mission, the subject was taken up and discussed by A. D. Hunter and W. S. Ballard. A cash collection was taken for State Missions amounting to \$1.43.

## PLEDGES FOR STATE MISSIONS.

|                     |        |                     |              |
|---------------------|--------|---------------------|--------------|
| Brown's Creek ..... | \$1 00 | Zion Hill .....     | 2 00         |
| Abbottsburg .....   | 1 00   | Garland .....       | 1 00         |
| Centre Roads .....  | 1 00   | White Oak .....     | 12 50        |
| Cypress Creek ..... | 1 00   | Hickory Grove ..... | 3 00         |
| Galeed .....        | 30 00  | Love's Grove .....  | 1 00         |
| Sugg's Grove .....  | 1 00   | Peters Creek .....  | 1 00         |
| White Lake .....    | 1 00   | Shiloh .....        | 1 00         |
| Total .....         |        |                     | <u>58 50</u> |

A. D. Hunter addressed the Association on the subject of

Education. Pledges were then made for the Baptist Female University as follows;

PLEDGES FOR BAPTIST FEMALE UNIVERSITY.

|                    |        |                   |              |
|--------------------|--------|-------------------|--------------|
| Abbottsburg.....   | \$2 00 | White Lake.....   | 1 00         |
| Clarkton.....      | 2 00   | Zion Hill.....    | 1 00         |
| Centre Roads.....  | 2 00   | Garland.....      | 1 00         |
| Cypress Creek..... | 1 00   | White Oak.....    | 15 00        |
| Galeed.....        | 15 00  | Love's Grove..... | 1 00         |
| Sugg's Grove.....  | 1 00   | Thumb Swamp.....  | 1 00         |
| Sandy Grove.....   | 1 00   | Shiloh.....       | 1 00         |
| Total.....         |        |                   | <u>45 00</u> |

WRITERS FOR NEXT SESSION.

*State Missions*—Rev. I. P. Hedgepeth.

*Home Missions*—Rev. W. S. Ballard.

*Foreign Missions*—Rev. A. J. Freeman.

*Education*—Forney Willis.

*Intemperance*—G. W. Register.

*Orphanage*—W. B. Hester.

*Ministers Relief*—A. L. Tatom.

*Periodicals*—Rev. W. M. Brisson.

*Ministerial Support*—D. M. Melvin.

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

*Cape Fear-Columbus*—Jas. White.

*Cedar Creek*—J. N. Singletary.

*Wilmington*—Luther Squires.

*Robeson*—F. S. Averitt.

*To Baptist State Convention*—H. C. Bridger.

*To Southern Baptist Conventton*—Rev. Wm. Brunt.

*Member of State Board*—Rev. A. J. Freeman.

TREASURERS REPORT.

Nov. 8 1901—To bal on hand for Minute Fund.....\$ 1.90

Nov. 10 1902—Recieved from the Finance Committee at Garland.

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| For Minute Fund.....          | 10 74 |
| “ State Missions.....         | 45 50 |
| “ Foreign Missions.....       | 9 13  |
| “ Home Missions.....          | 26 40 |
| “ Associational Missions..... | 1 85  |
| “ Orphanage.....              | 7 85  |
| “ Ministers Relief.....       | 10 07 |
| “ Education.....              | 17 74 |

Total received.....\$131 18



## DISBURSED.

|                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Paid For Printing Minutes..... | \$ 10 00      |
| “ To State Missions.....       | 45 50         |
| “ “ Foreign Missions.....      | 9 13          |
| “ “ Home Missions.....         | 26 40         |
| “ “ Association Missions.....  | 1 85          |
| “ “ Orphanage.....             | 7 85          |
| “ “ Ministers Relief.....      | 10 07         |
| “ “ Education.....             | 17 74         |
| “ “ Clerk of Association.....  | 2 54          |
| Total .....                    | <u>131 18</u> |

F. S. AVERITT, Treasurer.

## FINANCE REPORT.

|                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Minute Fund.....               | \$ 9 56       |
| State Missions.....            | 28 02         |
| Foreign Mission.....           | 19 67         |
| Home Missions.....             | 13 61         |
| Associational Mission.....     | 2 65          |
| Ministerial Relief.....        | 10 68         |
| Orphanage.....                 | 11 11         |
| Education.....                 | 7 88          |
| Baptist Female University..... | 12 11         |
| Total .....                    | <u>116 29</u> |

A. L. TATUM,  
S. H. HILBURN, Committee.

On motion, the Finance Committee was instructed to pay over the funds in their to the Treasurer; and the Treasurer pay them over to the object for which they are intended. On motion, the Clerk have the minutes printed and distributed. On motion, the Bladen and Central Unions are requested to pay the Clerk \$5.00 each for his services.

*RESOLVED:* That we extend our heartfelt thanks to the members of Galeed church and vicinity for their hospitality during this session Association.

A. L. TATUM.

On motion, the Association adjourned. Prayer by Rev. A. D. Hunter.

W. S. MELVIN, MODERATOR.

F. S. AVERITT, CLERK.

## REPORT OF W. M. S. OF GALEED CHURCH

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Christmas Offering..... | \$ 3 00      |
| Home Missions.....      | 11 55        |
| Foreign Missions.....   | 6 70         |
| State Missions.....     | 6 58         |
| Total.....              | <u>27 83</u> |

Miss DELLA SINGLETARY, President.

Miss BETTIE M. SINGLETARY, V. President.

## CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICE.

| CHURCHES.      | CLERKS.               | POSTOFFICE.               |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Browns Creek   | W. B. Hester .....    | Elizabethtown,..... N. C. |
| Abbottsburg    | J. T. Averitt .....   | Abbottsburg..... "        |
| Bethel         | C. W. King.....       | Dublin..... "             |
| Clarkton       | G. W. Hester.....     | Clarkton..... "           |
| Brier Branch   | M. Johnson.....       | Downingsville..... "      |
| Centre Roads   | John Cheshire.....    | Moscow..... "             |
| Cypress Creek  | Alex Smith.....       | Cypress Creek..... "      |
| Mt. Pleasant-B | S. H. Hilburn.....    | Register..... "           |
| Galeed         | T. C. Hilburn.....    | Bladenboro..... "         |
| Shady Grove    | Z. G. Thompson.....   | Abbottsburg..... "        |
| Sugg's Grove   | C. D. Ray.....        |                           |
| Sandy Grove    | A. Z. Davis.....      | Bladenboro..... "         |
| White Lake     | R. H. Marshburn.....  | Ham..... "                |
| Waddeil's      | B. L. Hewett.....     | Elizabethtown..... "      |
| Zion Hill      | M. Hester.....        | Bladenboro..... "         |
| Garland        | Wiley Cain.....       | Garland..... "            |
| White Oak      | D. M. Melvin.....     | White Oak..... "          |
| Hickory Grove  | Seth Lewis.....       | Bromton..... "            |
| Love's Grove   | N. B. Singletary..... | Tar Heel..... "           |
| Peters Creek   | Alex Simmons.....     | Floyd..... "              |
| Shiloh         | W. A. Sewell.....     | Elease..... "             |

## SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

| CHURCHES.          | Officers<br>and Teachers. | No. Scholars. | School Expense | Contributions. | Papers and<br>Quarterlies taken. | SUPERINTENDENTS<br>AND P. O. |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Abbottsburg.....   | 33                        | 30            | \$ 4 50        | \$ 5 00        | 24                               | R. B. Buie, Abbottsburg      |
| Cypress Creek..... | 6                         | 52            | 3 25           | 3 25           | 35                               | Alex Smith, Cypress Creek    |
| Galeed.....        | 9                         | 59            | 9 00           | 15 51          | 105                              | J. M. Frink, Bladenboro.     |
| Shady Grove.....   | 5                         | 40            |                |                |                                  | W. J. Burk, Abbottsburg      |
| Suggs Grove.....   | 7                         |               |                | 9 83           |                                  |                              |
| Sandy grove.....   | 7                         | 58            | 5 00           | 5 00           | 15                               | I. A. Davis, Elizabethtown   |
| White Lake.....    | 4                         | 35            | 4 00           | 5 50           | 40                               | R. H. Marshburn, Ham.        |
| Garland.....       | 5                         | 30            | 4 00           |                |                                  | W. H. Haddock, Garland.      |
| White Oak.....     | 9                         | 66            | 10 00          |                | 100                              | N. A. Layton, White Oak.     |
| Love's Grove.....  | 4                         | 15            |                |                |                                  | N. B. Singletary, Tar Heel.  |
| Peters Creek.....  | 4                         | 40            | 1 06           | 1 06           | 28                               | G. C. Simmons, Floyd.        |
| Shiloh.....        | 5                         | 52            | 1 50           |                | 22                               | T. J. Ellis, Elease.         |
| Bladenboro, S. S.  | 6                         | 45            | 6 76           | 17 36          | 46                               | H. C. Bridger, Bladenboro.   |

STATISTICAL TABLE.

| CHURCHES.       | Baptised. | Rec'd by Letter. | Restored. | Dismissed by Letter. | Excluded. | Died. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Pastors Salary. | Incidental Expenses. | Poor. | Minute Fund. | Associational Missions. | State Missions. | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions | Education. | Orphanage. | Ministers Relief. | Other Objects. |
|-----------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|-------|--------|----------|--------|-----------------|----------------------|-------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Browns Creek    |           |                  |           | 4                    | 2         | 2     | 24     | 43       | 72     | 25 00           | 4 42                 | 28    | 30           | 1 00                    | 1 15            | 1 15           | 1 15             | 1 15       | 1 35       | 1 38              |                |
| Abbottsburg     |           |                  |           | 2                    | 2         | 2     | 10     | 24       | 44     | 25 00           |                      |       | 40           | 1 00                    | 2 24            | 2 06           | 3 78             | 1 00       | 1 38       | 1 00              |                |
| Bethel          | 4         | 2                |           | 2                    | 1         | 5     | 26     | 30       | 56     | 24 00           |                      |       | 50           | 1 00                    | 1 00            | 1 00           | 1 00             | 1 00       | 1 00       | 1 00              |                |
| Clarkton        |           |                  |           | 1                    |           |       | 16     | 17       | 33     | 50 00           |                      |       |              | 1 00                    | 1 00            | 1 00           | 1 00             | 1 00       | 2 35       | 1 00              |                |
| Brier Branch    | 10        | 1                |           | 4                    |           |       | 15     | 54       | 69     | 36 00           | 1 25                 |       | 50           |                         | 95              | 81             | 30               | 1 00       | 65         |                   |                |
| Centre Road     | 5         | 1                |           |                      |           |       | 18     | 6        | 64     |                 |                      |       | 31           | 2 00                    | 1 00            | 1 00           | 1 00             | 40         |            |                   | 5 00           |
| Frenches Creek  |           |                  |           |                      |           |       | 21     | 19       | 60     | 60 00           | 2 50                 | 4 13  | 80           |                         | 2 62            | 1 00           | 1 00             | 1 00       | 1 50       | 1 00              |                |
| Cypress Creek   |           |                  |           | 1                    | 2         | 2     | 56     | 108      | 164    | 125 00          | 90                   | 4 15  | 1 60         | 8 26                    | 42 88           | 25 00          | 37 50            | 20 31      | 5 70       | 5 00              |                |
| Galeed          | 2         | 3                | 1         | 1                    |           |       | 12     | 18       | 30     | 100 00          | 1 00                 | 50    | 50           |                         |                 |                | 50               | 51         |            |                   |                |
| Mt. Pleasant-B- | 3         | 4                |           | 1                    |           |       | 28     | 6        | 91     | 36 00           |                      |       | 1 00         | 1 25                    | 25              | 25             | 25               | 25         | 25         | 25                |                |
| Shady Grove     |           |                  |           |                      |           |       | 33     | 24       | 67     |                 |                      |       | 27           |                         |                 |                |                  |            |            |                   |                |
| Sugg's Grove    |           |                  |           |                      |           |       |        |          |        |                 |                      |       |              |                         |                 |                |                  |            |            |                   |                |
| Salt Marsh      |           |                  |           |                      |           |       |        |          |        |                 |                      |       |              |                         |                 |                |                  |            |            |                   |                |
| Sandy Grove     | 1         | 1                | 1         | 6                    | 2         | 2     | 38     | 62       | 101    | 38 00           |                      | 2 00  | 50           | 1 00                    | 3 00            | 2 00           | 3 05             | 1 00       | 1 84       | 1 41              | 11 00          |
| White Lake      | 10        | 1                | 3         | 12                   | 1         |       | 33     | 84       | 117    | 60 00           | 10                   |       | 50           |                         | 2 00            | 2 00           | 1 50             | 1 50       | 1 50       | 1 00              |                |
| Waddell's       | 1         |                  |           |                      |           |       | 7      | 11       | 18     | 6 00            |                      |       |              |                         |                 |                |                  |            |            |                   |                |
| Zion Hill       | 4         |                  |           | 1                    | 1         | 1     | 27     | 35       | 62     | 30 00           | 6 41                 |       | 40           | 60                      | 1 00            | 1 00           | 1 50             | 1 00       | 1 00       | 1 00              |                |
| St. Joseph      |           |                  |           |                      |           |       |        |          |        |                 |                      |       |              |                         |                 |                |                  |            |            |                   |                |
| Garland         | 1         |                  |           |                      | 1         |       | 29     | 42       | 71     | 36 00           |                      |       | 50           |                         | 1 00            | 50             | 1 00             | 50         |            |                   |                |
| Reards Chapel   |           |                  |           |                      |           |       |        |          |        |                 |                      |       |              |                         |                 |                |                  |            |            |                   |                |
| White Oak       | 2         | 3                | 4         | 5                    | 2         | 3     | 70     | 140      | 210    | 125 00          | 13 22                | 5 00  | 1 15         | 5 00                    | 12 50           |                | 1 50             | 5 00       | 6 00       | 3 00              |                |
| Mt. Pleasant-S- |           |                  |           |                      |           |       |        |          |        |                 |                      |       |              |                         |                 |                |                  |            |            |                   |                |
| Hickory Grove   | 2         | 1                | 2         | 2                    | 4         |       | 55     | 101      | 156    | 80 00           | 3 75                 |       |              | 2 45                    | 5 20            | 5 03           | 5 87             | 2 70       |            |                   |                |
| Paradise        |           |                  |           |                      |           |       |        |          |        |                 |                      |       |              |                         |                 |                |                  |            |            |                   |                |
| Cape Fear       |           |                  |           |                      |           |       |        |          |        |                 |                      |       |              |                         |                 |                |                  |            |            |                   |                |
| Corinth         |           |                  |           |                      |           |       | 15     | 17       | 32     | 25 00           |                      |       | 25           |                         | 1 00            | 1 00           | 1 00             | 50         |            | 50                |                |
| Love's Grove    | 1         |                  |           |                      |           |       |        |          |        |                 |                      |       |              |                         |                 |                |                  |            |            |                   |                |
| Thumb Swamp     |           |                  |           | 6                    |           | 1     | 22     | 41       | 63     | 16 65           | 13 50                |       | 1 00         |                         | 1 00            | 1 00           | 1 00             | 1 00       | 1 00       | 1 00              |                |
| Peters Creek    | 11        | 1                | 2         | 2                    | 3         | 3     | 25     | 55       | 80     | 60 00           |                      |       | 40           |                         | 2 68            | 2 97           | 2 97             | 1 00       | 2 49       | 50                |                |
| Shiloh          | 55        | 9                | 32        | 29                   | 33        | 29    | 605    | 1064     | 1660   | 942 65          | 54 15                | 16 06 | 10 88        | 22 56                   | 82 47           | 48 77          | 66 87            | 32 56      | 32 62      | 16 66             | 16 00          |
| Total           |           |                  |           |                      |           |       |        |          |        |                 |                      |       |              |                         |                 |                |                  |            |            |                   |                |









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|----------------------|----------------------|
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| BRYAN, LEVI .....    | CYPRESS, N. C.       |
| BRISSON, W. M. ....  | GUYTON, N. C.        |
| BRISSON, W. L. ....  | GUYTON, N. C.        |
| CARTER, HENRY .....  | GARLAND, N. C.       |
| BOWNING, J. W. ....  | BOWNINGSVILLE, N. C. |
| FREEMAN, A. J. ....  | BLADENBORO, N. C.    |
| HILBURN, R. M. ....  | BLADENBORO, N. C.    |
| HILBURN, D. H. ....  | BLADENBORO, N. C.    |
| HESTER, S. ....      | BLADENBORO, N. C.    |
| HESTER, R. C. ....   | DUBLIN, N. C.        |
| JOHNSON, D. L. ....  | DOWNINGSVILLE, N. C. |
| MELVIN, W. S. ....   | PARKERSBURG, N. C.   |

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## WRITERS FOR NEXT SESSION.

State Missions—A. J. Freeman.  
 Home Missions—I. P. Hedgpeth.  
 Foreign Missions—W. S. Ballard  
 Education—D. M. Melvin.  
 Orphanage—R. M. Hilburn.  
 Ministers' Relief—J. T. Averitt.  
 Intemperance—Forney Willis.  
 Periodicals—A. L. Tatom.

## PROCEEDINGS.

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WHITE OAK, N. C., Nov. 4, 1903.

The Bladen County Baptist Association met in its twelfth annual session with this church. The Introductory Sermon was preached by R. L. Byrd, from Exodus 14th chapter and 15th verse.

A recess of one hour was then given for refreshments. The Association was then called together. Devotional exercises by Bro. A. J. Freeman.

A. L. Tatom and D. M. Melvin were appointed a committee on Finance, and M. McK. Smith and A. J. Freeman Reading Clerks.

Letters were then called for, read and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Brown's Creek—J. B. Melvin, I. L. McGill, G. R. Huggins.

Abbottsburg—J. S. Cain, J. P. Averitt, G. W. Smith

Bethel—F. Willis, J. B. Taylor, N. Dowless

Brier Branch—J. W. Downing, C. L. Long, M. Johnson.

Centre Road—J. O. Evers, D. G. Pait, C. W. King.

French's Creek—Not represented

Cypress Creek—M. McK. Smith, A. S. Smith, L. T. Cain.

Galeed—D. A. Singletary, F. P. Callihan, F. S. Averitt.

Mt Pleasant (B)—Not represented.

Shady Grove—W. J. Burk, C. F. Thompson, J. D. McKethan.

Suggs Grove—S. R. Cain, A. A. Cain, C. D. Ray.

Salt Marsh—J. H. Squires, L. E. Squires, W. M. Kelly.

Sandy Grove—J. L. Hester, D. F. Edwards, A. Z. Davis.

White Lake—D. A. Marshburn, J. B. Norris, J. W. Marshburn.

Waddell's—J. C. Ward, W. P. Smith.

Zion Hill—By letter.

St. Joseph—Not represented

Garland—Not represented.

Beard's Chapel—L. M. Barnes, J. J. Norris, J. P. Smith.

White Oak—N. A. Layton, P. D. Beard, J. B. Young.

Mt. Pleasant (S)—Not represented.

Hickory Grove—W. E. Lewis, E. J. Johnson, O. M. Jones.

Paradise—Not represented.

Cape Fear—Not represented.

Corinth—Not represented.

Love's Grove—W. McMonroe, W. H. Singletary, C. H. Burney.  
Thumb Swamp—T. R. Robinson, W. J. Smith.

Peter's Creek—A. S. Melvin, Alex Simmons, J. J. Hall.

Shiloh—J. H. McGhee, D. E. Melvin, Badger Butler.

The Association then organized by re-electing Elder W. S. Melvin, Moderator; F. S. Averitt, Clerk and Treasurer.

The pastor, W. S. Ballard, delivered an address of welcome to the Association to which R. L. Byrd responded. The pastor and officers of this church were appointed a committee on religious exercises during the session.

F. F. Newton from the Eastern Association; R. L. Byrd and J. G. Fisher from the Cedar Creek; W. S. Ballard from the Cape Fear and Columbus were welcomed to seats.

The Association then adjourned till 9:30 a. m. to-morrow.

## SECOND DAY.

Devotional exercises by Bro. W. L. Brisson.  
Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Before Christ left the world He gave the command, Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Matt. 28:19. And again, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, Mark 26:15. State Mission work done in our own State each year brings great responsibility on us as Baptists to preach His word to all the destitute places in North Carolina. The Board is behind and only about four weeks till the Convention. It would be a sad mistake to close the year's work with plenty of the Lord's money in hand and not pay His part. We are to give

this year \$25,000 to State Missions. May the God of all grace help the Bladen Association to do all we are able to do for State Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. BALLARD.

S. F. Conrad, W. S. Ballard and R. L. Byrd, spoke to the report. A cash collection was taken for State Missions amounting to \$15.61.

#### PLEDGES FOR STATE MISSIONS.

|                     |         |                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| Abbottsburg .....   | \$ 2 00 | White Lake .....    | \$ 5 00 |
| Bethel .....        | 1 00    | Zion Hill .....     | 3 00    |
| Centre Road .....   | 1 00    | Whith Oak .....     | 17 50   |
| Cypress Creek ..... | 2 00    | Hickory Grove ..... | 5 00    |
| Galeed .....        | 35 00   | Love's Grove .....  | 1 50    |
| Shady Grove .....   | 2 00    | Thumb Swamp .....   | 1 00    |
| Suggs Grove .....   | 1 00    | Peter's Creek ..... | 2 00    |
| Salt Marsh .....    | 1 00    | Shiloh .....        | 2 00    |
| Sandy Grove .....   | 5 00    | Total .....         | \$87 00 |

#### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The Baptist cause in North Carolina was never in a more prosperous condition than now. Our people are united and great harmony prevails among the Associations. Every department of missions is advancing and all our educational work was never so prosperous as now. Our Orphanage is now the largest in the State and constantly increasing its capacity. This is largely due to the papers which represents our denominational life and work.

For soundness and loyalty and devotion to all our enterprises our papers are without reproach, we therefore heartily recommend the Biblical Recorder the long established organ of the denomination. The North Carolina Baptist, the great pioneer paper in the fight against the liquor traffic; and Charity and Children, which represents our Orphanage; The Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field, representing the two Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, as all worthy of our patronage and support,

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. CONRAD,

Committee.

S. F. Conrad, W. S. Ballard and A. J. Freeman spoke to the report.

Report adopted.

The committee on Religious Exercises reports that Bro. S. F. Conrad will preach to night. The Association then adjourned for 45 minutes.

### EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called together by music. D. K. Mintz, from the Cedar Creek Association, M. L. Mintz, from the Brunswick Association and S. F. Conrad, of the North Carolina Baptist, were welcomed to seats.

### TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

On motion it was agreed that the next session of the Association be held with the Shady Grove church, commencing on Wednesday before the second Sunday in November 1904. W. S. Ballard to preach the introductory sermon.

On motion the clerk was instructed to give letters of dismission to any church applying for the same during the year.

### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

At the convention in 1898, we had a force of foreign and native workers of 193, and that year we rejoiced in 701 baptisms. We now have a force 319, and thank God, for 1,790 baptisms for the year. Harmony and zeal at home and abroad and all expenses paid in full. No longer is there a question as to whether the heathen can be reached, or whether they will receive the gospel. The question is will we, favored of God, redeemed through His love, give to others that which has been such a blessing to us. We cannot answer no. Let us arise and make such advance in this work as shall be comensurate with His blessings at home and abroad.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FREEMAN.



A. J. Freeman, S. F. Conrad, R. L. Byrd and M. L. Mintz spoke to the report. A cash collection was then taken for Foreign Missions amounting to \$4.49.

PLEDGES FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

|                    |         |                     |         |
|--------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| Brown's Creek..... | \$ 2 00 | Sandy Grove.....    | \$ 5 00 |
| Abbottsburg.....   | 3 00    | White Lake.....     | 2 00    |
| Bethel.....        | 1 50    | Zion Hill.....      | 3 00    |
| Brier Branch.....  | 2 00    | Beard's Chapel..... | 3 00    |
| Centre Road.....   | 1 00    | White Oak.....      | 10 00   |
| Cypress Creek..... | 2 00    | Hickory Grove.....  | 5 00    |
| Galeed.....        | 40 00   | Love's Grove.....   | 1 00    |
| Salt Marsh.....    | 1 00    | Shiloh.....         | 2 00    |
|                    |         | Total.....          | \$83 00 |

On motion adjourned till 9:30 a. m. to-morrow.

THIRD DAY.

Devotional exercises by Bro. M. L. Mintz. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF.

This is a part of denominational work we can not afford to neglect. We have a Board who receive no compensation from us for their service. There are several of our worn-out brethren who receive a pittance at our hands, and many others we should aid. Let us come up to the help of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. TATOM

J. G. Fisher and M. L. Mintz spoke to the report.

PLEDGES FOR MINISTERS RELIEF.

|                    |         |                     |         |
|--------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| Abbottsburg.....   | \$ 1 00 | White Lake.....     | \$ 2 25 |
| Bethel.....        | 1 00    | Zion Hill.....      | 1 00    |
| Brier Branch.....  | 1 00    | Beard's Chapel..... | 1 00    |
| Centre Road.....   | 2 00    | White Oak.....      | 5 00    |
| Cypress Creek..... | 2 00    | Hickory Grove.....  | 2 00    |
| Galeed.....        | 8 00    | Love's Grove.....   | 1 00    |
| Shady Grove.....   | 1 00    | Thumb Swamp.....    | 1 00    |

|                  |      |                    |         |
|------------------|------|--------------------|---------|
| Suggs Grove..... | 1 00 | Peter's Creek..... | 1 00    |
| Salt Marsh.....  | 1 00 | Shiloh.....        | 2 00    |
| Sandy Grove..... | 5 00 | Total.....         | \$39 75 |

The subject of Education was discussed by M. L. Mintz.

#### PLEDGES FOR EDUCATION.

|                    |         |                      |         |
|--------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| Browns Creek.....  | \$ 1 00 | White Lake.....      | \$ 2 00 |
| Abbottsburg.....   | 1 00    | Zion Hill.....       | 1 00    |
| Bethel.....        | 1 00    | Beard's Chappel..... | 1 00    |
| Brier Branch.....  | 1 00    | White Oak.....       | 5 00    |
| Center Road.....   | 1 00    | Hickory Grove.....   | 3 00    |
| Cypress Creek..... | 2 00    | Peter's Creek.....   | 1 00    |
| Galeed.....        | 20 00   | Shiloh.....          | 1 00    |
| Sandy Grove.....   | 3 00    | Total.....           | \$44 00 |

The subject of Temperance was discussed by J. G. Fisher, M. L. Mintz and Forney Willis. Pledges were taken for the Orphanage and Home Missions as follows:

#### PLEDGES FOR THE ORPHANAGE.

|                    |         |                      |         |
|--------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| Brown's Creek..... | \$ 1 00 | White Lake.....      | \$ 4 00 |
| Abbottsburg.....   | 2 00    | Zion Hill.....       | 1 00    |
| Bethel.....        | 1 00    | Beard's Chappel..... | 2 00    |
| Brier Branch.....  | 1 00    | White Oak.....       | 6 00    |
| Cypress Creek..... | 1 00    | Peter's Creek.....   | 1 00    |
| Galeed.....        | 10 00   | Shiloh.....          | 1 00    |
| Sandy Grove.....   | 5 00    | Total.....           | \$37 00 |

#### PLEDGES FOR HOME MISSIONS.

|                    |         |                      |         |
|--------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| Brown's Creek..... | \$ 1 00 | Sandy Grove.....     | \$ 5 00 |
| Abbottsburg.....   | 2 00    | White Lake.....      | 2 00    |
| Bethel.....        | 1 00    | Beard's Chappel..... | 1 00    |
| Brier Branch.....  | 1 00    | White Oak.....       | 5 00    |
| Cypress Creek..... | 2 00    | Peter's Creek.....   | 1 00    |
| Galeed.....        | 25 00   | Shiloh.....          | 2 00    |
|                    |         | Total.....           | \$48 00 |

## Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations:

Cape Fear, Columbus—F. P. Callihan.

Wilmington—Luther Squires.

Cedar Creek—M. McK. Smith.

Robeson—A. J. Freeman.

South River—N. A. Layton.

Eastern—G. W. Register.

To Baptist State Convention—R. M. Hilburn, A. J. Freeman.

To Southern Baptist Convention—H. C. Bridgers.

Member of State Board—A. J. Freeman.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

|                                |          |           |
|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Minute Fund.....               | \$ 11 36 |           |
| State Missions.....            | 31 61    |           |
| Foreign Missions.....          | 21 67    |           |
| Home Missions.....             | 15 61    |           |
| Association Missions.....      | 2 65     |           |
| Ministers' Relief.....         | 12 68    |           |
| Orphanage.....                 | 13 61    |           |
| Education.....                 | 8 88     |           |
| Baptist Female University..... | 12 11    |           |
|                                |          | \$ 130 18 |

## DISBURSEMENTS

|                                |          |           |
|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Printing Minutes.....          | \$ 11 36 |           |
| State Missions.....            | 31 61    |           |
| Foreign Missions.....          | 21 67    |           |
| Home Missions.....             | 15 61    |           |
| Association Missions.....      | 2 65     |           |
| Ministers' Relief.....         | 12 68    |           |
| Orphanage.....                 | 13 61    |           |
| Education.....                 | 8 88     |           |
| Baptist Female University..... | 12 11    |           |
|                                |          | \$ 130 18 |

F. S. AVERITT, Treasurer.

## FINANCE REPORT.

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Minute Fund.....          | \$ 15 00        |
| State Missions.....       | 70 95           |
| Foreign Missions.....     | 32 52           |
| Home Missions.....        | 17 68           |
| Association Missions..... | 4 50            |
| Ministers' Relief.....    | 16 03           |
| Orphanage.....            | 19 32           |
| Education.....            | 21 37           |
|                           | <hr/> \$ 197 37 |
|                           | A. L. TATOM,    |
|                           | D. M. MELVIN,   |
|                           | Committee.      |

The Finance Committee was instructed to pay over the funds in their hands to the Treasurer, and the Treasurer pay them to the objects for which they are intended.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to have the minutes printed and distributed. It was also ordered that the Clerk be paid \$10 for his services.

On motion it was ordered that the Treasurer pay the \$4.50 in his hands for Association Missions to the Clerk. A cash collection of \$5.50 was taken to finish paying the Clerk.

Resolved, That we extend our heart felt thanks to the members of White Oak church and vicinity for their hospitality during this session.

On motion the Association adjourned by singing "Blest be the tie that binds," and taking the parting hand. Prayer was then offered, Bro. J. G. Fisher leading.

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|                | REV. W. S. MELVIN, |
| F. S. AVERITT, | Moderator.         |
| Clerk.         |                    |

## REPORT OF W. M. S. OF GALEAD CHURCH.

|                          |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Home Missions .....      | \$ 3 55       |
| Foreign Missions .....   | 7 50          |
| State Missions .....     | 6 30          |
| Christmas Offering ..... | 3 15          |
|                          | <hr/> \$20 50 |

MISS S. D. SINGLETARY, President.

MRS. H. E. SINGLETARY, Secretary.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

| CHUCHES.            | Officers & Teach.<br>No. Scholars. | School<br>Expenses. | Contributions. | Papers and<br>War. taken. | CHURCHES.                           |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Abbottsburg .....   | 3 30                               | 3 25                | 3 25           | 18                        | R. B. Baie, Abbottsburg, N. C.      |
| Bethel .....        | 3 21                               | 2 15                | 2 75           | 20                        | F. Willis, Dublin, N. C.            |
| Sandy Grove .....   | 7 50                               | 7 00                | .....          | .....                     | I. A. Davis, Elizabethtown, N. C.   |
| Galeed .....        | 5 86                               | 11 00               | 14 83          | 105                       | D. A. Singletary, Bladenboro, N. C. |
| Sugg's Grove .....  | 5 58                               | 7 35                | .....          | 24                        | J. L. Grice, Jerome, N. C.          |
| Brier Branch .....  | 5 39                               | 2 00                | .....          | 12                        | J. W. Downing, Downingsville, N. C. |
| Love's Grove .....  | 5 32                               | 10 00               | .....          | 36                        | N. B. Singletary, Tar Heel, N. C.   |
| White Lake .....    | 2 40                               | .....               | .....          | .....                     | R. H. Marshburn, Ham, N. C.         |
| Peter's Creek ..... | 4 25                               | 3 00                | .....          | 26                        | F. P. Smith, Clay Fork, N. C.       |
| Shiloh .....        | 6 50                               | 1 50                | .....          | 3                         | W. L. Ellis, Jerome, N. C.          |
| White Oak .....     | 7 75                               | 5 00                | .....          | 80                        | N. A. Layton, White Oak, N. C.      |
| Salt Marsh .....    | 5 46                               | .....               | .....          | 48                        | .....                               |
| Cypress Creek ..... | 4 40                               | 3 50                | .....          | 35                        | A. Smith, Cypress Creek, N. C.      |

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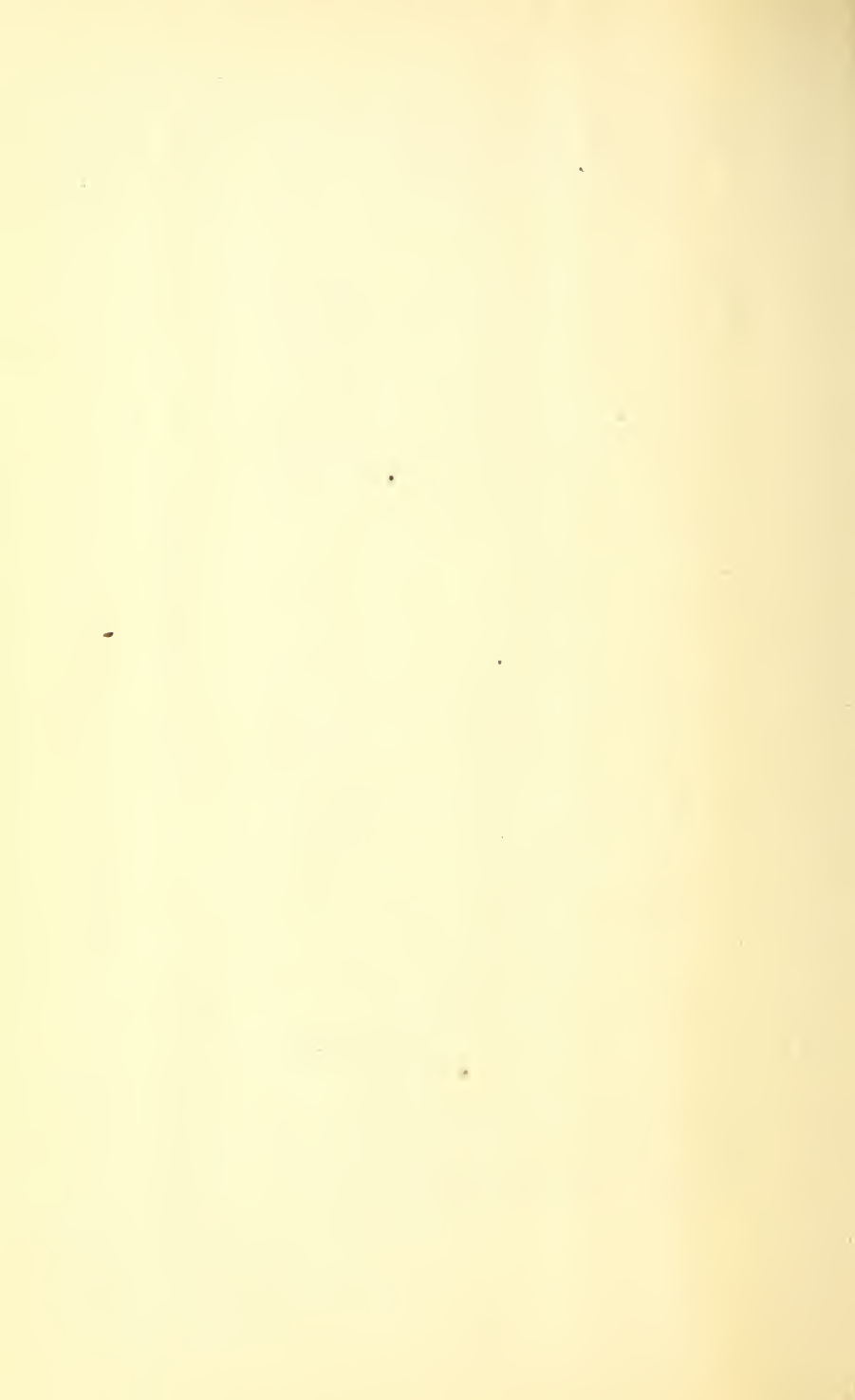


## CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS.

| CHURCHES            | PASTORS.                      | CLERKS. |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Brown's Creek.....  | R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro,    | N. C.   |
| Abbottsbuŕg.....    | W. L. Brisson, Dublin,        | "       |
| Bethel.....         | W. S. Melvin, Parkersbuŕg,    | "       |
| Brier Branch.....   | J. H. Dobson, Atkinson,       | "       |
| Centre Road.....    | D. H. Hilburn, Bladenboro,    | "       |
| Cypress Creek.....  | I. P. Hedgŕeth, Lumberton,    | N. C.   |
| Galed.....          | W. L. Brisson, Dublin,        | "       |
| Shady Grove.....    | W. S. Melvin, Parkersbuŕg,    | "       |
| Sugŕ's Grove.....   | A. J. Freeman, Bladenboro,    | N. C.   |
| Salt Marsh.....     | J. H. Dobson, Atkinson,       | "       |
| Sandy Grove.....    | D. L. Johnson, Downingsville, | "       |
| White Lake.....     | R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro,    | "       |
| Waddell's.....      | H. Carter, Garland,           | "       |
| Zion Hill.....      | W. S. Ballard, Clarkton,      | "       |
| Beard's Chapel..... | R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville,      | "       |
| White Oak.....      | W. L. Brisson, Dublin,        | "       |
| Hickory Grove.....  | H. Carter, Garland,           | "       |
| Love's Grove.....   | J. H. Dobson, Atkinson,       | "       |
| Thunb Swamp.....    | R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville,      | "       |
| Peter's Creek.....  | "                             | "       |
| Shiloh.....         | "                             | "       |
|                     | W. B. Hester, Elizabethtown,  | N. C.   |
|                     | J. T. Averitt, Abbottsbuŕg,   | "       |
|                     | J. W. Carroll, Dublin,        | "       |
|                     | J. W. Downing, Downingsville, | "       |
|                     | John Cheshire, Moscow,        | "       |
|                     | T. C. Hilburn, Bladenboro,    | N. C.   |
|                     | J. D. McKeithan, Clarkton,    | "       |
|                     | C. D. Ray, Jerome,            | "       |
|                     | L. E. Squires, Natmore,       | "       |
|                     | A. Z. Davis, Bladenboro,      | "       |
|                     | R. H. Marshburn, Ham,         | "       |
|                     | B. L. Hewett, Hocut,          | "       |
|                     | M. Heter, Bladenboro,         | "       |
|                     | L. M. Barner, Garland,        | "       |
|                     | D. M. Melvin, White Oak,      | "       |
|                     | Seth Lewis, Brompton,         | "       |
|                     | N. B. Singletary, Tar Heel,   | "       |
|                     | W. J. Smith, White Hall,      | "       |
|                     | Alex Simmons, Mintz,          | "       |
|                     | W. A. Sewell, Elcase,         | "       |

STATISTICAL TABLE.

| CHURCHES.      | CHURCHES. |                  |           |                 |           |       |        |          |                   |                  |                      |       | Sum total for all Objects. |              |                         |                 |                |                   |            |            |                    |                |
|----------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-------|--------|----------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------|------------|--------------------|----------------|
|                | Baptized. | Rec'd by Letter. | Restored. | Dis. by Letter. | Excluded. | Died. | Males. | Females. | Total Membership. | Pastor's Salary. | Incidental Expenses. | Poor. |                            | Minute Fund. | Associational Missions. | State Missions. | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Education. | Orphanage. | Ministers' Relief. | Other Objects. |
| Brown's Creek  | 1         | 1                | 1         | 1               | 2         | 2     | 27     | 43       | 70                | .....            | 4 87                 | 25    | 35                         | .....        | 2 00                    | 2 11            | 1 53           | .....             | 1 00       | 1 05       | .....              | 4 00           |
| Abbotsburg     | 1         | 1                | 1         | 1               | 2         | 1     | 10     | 33       | 43                | .....            | .....                | ..... | 45                         | .....        | 2 10                    | 3 11            | 3 32           | .....             | 2 66       | 1 05       | .....              | .....          |
| Bethel         | 1         | 2                | 1         | 3               | 5         | 1     | 14     | 39       | 55                | 37 35            | .....                | ..... | 60                         | .....        | 7 30                    | 1 00            | 1 00           | .....             | 1 00       | .....      | .....              | 21 84          |
| Brier Branch   | 1         | 2                | 1         | 1               | 1         | 1     | 20     | 39       | 55                | .....            | 25 00                | ..... | 52                         | .....        | 1 25                    | 1 00            | 1 25           | .....             | 1 00       | 1 00       | .....              | 43 65          |
| Centre Road    | 6         | 2                | 2         | 3               | 1         | 1     | 32     | 57       | 69                | 25 00            | .....                | ..... | 200                        | 2 00         | 1 00                    | .....           | .....          | .....             | 1 00       | .....      | .....              | 81 52          |
| Cypress Creek  | 3         | 2                | 1         | 1               | 1         | 1     | 55     | 116      | 171               | 150 00           | 6 94                 | ..... | 75                         | .....        | 2 72                    | 5 16            | .....          | .....             | 1 81       | 9 02       | .....              | 6 80           |
| Galed          | 9         | 1                | 1         | 1               | 1         | 1     | 55     | 116      | 171               | 150 00           | .....                | ..... | 2 00                       | 2 50         | 40 92                   | 32 2            | 45 77          | 23 68             | 8 50       | 1 00       | .....              | 388 18         |
| Shady Grove    | 2         | 1                | 1         | 1               | 1         | 2     | 22     | 47       | 72                | .....            | .....                | ..... | 1 00                       | .....        | .....                   | 2 50            | .....          | .....             | 1 00       | 1 00       | .....              | 8 00           |
| Sue's Grove    | 3         | 1                | 1         | 1               | 1         | 2     | 36     | 32       | 62                | 75 00            | .....                | ..... | 40                         | .....        | .....                   | .....           | .....          | .....             | .....      | .....      | 85 00              |                |
| Salt Marsh     | 1         | 1                | 1         | 1               | 1         | 1     | 20     | 38       | 66                | 35 00            | .....                | ..... | 50                         | 1 00         | 1 00                    | 1 00            | 1 00           | .....             | 5 54       | 6 03       | .....              | 121 40         |
| Sandy Grove    | 1         | 1                | 3         | 1               | 1         | 1     | 42     | 63       | 105               | 36 00            | 10 0                 | 5 31  | 1 25                       | .....        | 15 03                   | 5 21            | 12 8           | 3 00              | 3 00       | .....      | 79 50              |                |
| White Lake     | 1         | 1                | 1         | 1               | 1         | 1     | 37     | 83       | 120               | .....            | .....                | ..... | .....                      | .....        | 2 0                     | 4 75            | 2 00           | 2 00              | 3 00       | .....      | 15 00              |                |
| Waddell's      | 1         | 1                | 1         | 1               | 1         | 2     | .....  | .....    | .....             | .....            | .....                | ..... | .....                      | .....        | .....                   | .....           | .....          | .....             | .....      | .....      | .....              |                |
| Zion Hill      | 1         | 1                | 1         | 1               | 1         | 2     | 20     | 34       | 60                | .....            | 16 94                | ..... | 75                         | 1 00         | 2 00                    | 1 50            | 2 60           | 1 50              | 2 50       | 1 75       | 1 00               |                |
| Beard's Chapel | 6         | 3                | 1         | 5               | 3         | 2     | 23     | 44       | 67                | 26 50            | .....                | ..... | .....                      | .....        | 1 00                    | 2 00            | 3 00           | .....             | 2 00       | 2 00       | .....              | 31 50          |
| White Oak      | 28        | 7                | 6         | 2               | 1         | 1     | 80     | 146      | 226               | 125 00           | 93 15                | ..... | 1 84                       | .....        | 2 50                    | 5 00            | 7 50           | 5 00              | 5 00       | 3 00       | 15 00              |                |
| Hickory Grove  | 6         | 1                | 1         | 1               | 2         | 2     | 57     | 102      | 159               | .....            | 5 12                 | ..... | 1 05                       | 1 00         | 9 21                    | 7 55            | 8 22           | 1 00              | 1 00       | 1 00       | 1 00               |                |
| Love's Grove   | 2         | 1                | 1         | 1               | 1         | 1     | 23     | 34       | 57                | 25 00            | .....                | ..... | 63                         | .....        | 1 00                    | 1 00            | 1 00           | .....             | 1 00       | .....      | .....              |                |
| Thumb Swamp    | 2         | 1                | 1         | 1               | 1         | 1     | 25     | 41       | 63                | .....            | .....                | ..... | .....                      | .....        | 4 46                    | 4 50            | 1 74           | 47                | 1 61       | .....      | 91 15              |                |
| Peter's Creek  | 2         | 1                | 1         | 1               | 1         | 1     | 22     | 34       | 63                | 60 00            | 12 65                | ..... | 30                         | .....        | 13 75                   | 1 00            | 2 00           | 1 00              | 1 05       | 50         | .....              |                |
| Shiloh         | 15        | 2                | 4         | 3               | 1         | 1     | 5      | 61       | 86                | .....            | .....                | ..... | .....                      | .....        | .....                   | .....           | .....          | .....             | .....      | .....      | 1 00               |                |
| Total          | 89        | 26               | 34        | 21              | 17        | 613   | 1099   | 1735     | .....             | \$834 55         | 84 67                | 5 56  | 14 37                      | 10 12        | 102 67                  | 82 76           | 95 79          | 39 15             | 38 67      | 27 67      | 303 00             | 1 704 97       |









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## OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION.

|                                          |                    |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| ELDER Wm. BRUNT, Moderator .....         | Lumberton, N. C.   |
| F. S. AVERITT, Clerk and Treasurer ..... | Abbottsburg, N. C. |

## ORDAINED MINISTERS.

|                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| BRUNT, WILLIAM .....   | Lumberton, N. C.     |
| BRYAN, LEVI .....      | Cypress Creek, N. C. |
| BRISSON, W. M. ....    | Guyton, N. C.        |
| BRISSON, W. L. ....    | Guyton, N. C.        |
| CLARK, D. J. ....      | Elizabethton, N. C.  |
| CARTER, HENRY .....    | Garland, N. C.       |
| DOWNING J. W. ....     | Downingsville, N. C. |
| FREEMAN, A. J. ....    | Bladenboro, N. C.    |
| HILBURN, R. M. ....    | Bladenboro, N. C.    |
| HILBURN, D. H. ....    | Bladenboro, N. C.    |
| HESTER, S. ....        | Bladenboro, N. C.    |
| HESTER, C. R. ....     | Dublin, N. C.        |
| JOHNSON, D. L. ....    | Downingsville, N. C. |
| JOHNSON ALLEN .....    | Elizabethtown, N. C. |
| MELVIN, W. S. ....     | Parkersburg, N. C.   |
| PERNELL, E. F. C. .... | Abbottsburg, N. C.   |

## PROCEEDINGS.

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Shady Grove, N. C., Nov. 9th, 1904.

The Bladen County Baptist Association met in its thirteenth annual session with this church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by A. H. Porter, from Acts 1st chapter and 8th verse. A recess of thirty minutes was then given for refreshments.

The Association was then called to order by the Clerk. The Moderator being absent, Bro. A. J. Freeman was called to the chair. Prayer was then offered, Bro. D. H. Hilburn leading.

A. E. Pait and Z. G. Thompson were appointed a committee on Finance and M. Hester and D. M. Jones, Reading Clerks.

Letters were then called for, read and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Browns Creek—W. B. Hester, N. R. Gooden, G. R. Huggins.

Abbottsburg—J. L. Hall, G. W. Smith, J. K. Baldwin.

Bethel—W. M. Brisson, J. W. King.

Brier Branch—J. W. Downing, J. W. McDuffie.

Centre Road—O. Pait, E. N. Pait, J. D. Butler.

Frenches Creek—Not represented.

Cypress Creek—By letter.

Galeed—J. W. Callihan, A. E. Pait, W. A. Butler.

Mt. Pleasant—(B) Not represented.

Shady Grove—T. R. Thompson, H. S. Thompson, Z. G. Thompson.

Sugg's Grove—By letter.

Sandy Grove—L. T. Hester, H. J. Edwards.

White Lake—D. A. Marshburn, J. A. Blackburn, D. H. Russ.

Waddells—Not represented.

Zion Hill—J. W. Stubbs, I. F. Hilburn, M. Hester.

St. Joseph—W. F. Melvin.

Garland—E. D. Rich, O. Rich, R. Haddock.

Beard's Chapel—A. Norris, J. J. Norris, M. Long.



White Oak—D. L. Melvin, G. H. Smith.

Mt. Pleasant—(S) Not represented.

Hickory Grove—O. M. Jones, A. Hammonds, D. A. Butters.

Paradise—By letter.

Cape Fear—Not represented.

Corinth—Not represented.

Loves Grove—By letter.

Thumb Swamp—Not represented.

Peters Creek—By letter.

Elizabethtown—W. J. Sutton, C. Martin, H. H. Barnhill.

The Association then organized by electing Elder William Brunt, Moderator; F. S. Averitt, Clerk and Treasurer.

Brother W. S. Ballard and A. H. Porter from the Cape Fear-Columbus, F. A. Prevatt and J. T. Tyner from the Robeson and R. L. Byrd from the Cedar Creek Association was welcomed to seats.

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Jesus says, "Ask of me and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." He sealed this promise with his blood. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

We alone are not equal to the task; but in Matthew, 28:20 we have the promise, "And lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." In Acts 1:8 we have the promise of power, after the Holy Ghost is upon you: "And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and all Judea and in Samaria, unto the uttermost parts of the earth." God has made it possible to carry out this command of His son.

We now have 135 Missionaries and 200 native helpers on the field and others are being sent out. Last year we raised something near \$300,000. In North Carolina we raised last year near \$20,000. This year we should do more.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. BALLARD,

Committee.

A. H. Porter, F. A. Prevatt, W. S. Ballard, A. J. Freeman, D. H. Hilburn, and J. T. Tyner spoke to the report.

At this point a letter was handed in from a newly organized church at Elizabethtown, asking admission into this Association, which was read, and on motion the church was duly received.

On motion the Association adjourned till 9:30 a. m. to-morrow.

## SECOND DAY.

Devotional exercises conducted by F. A. Prevatt.

Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

The pastor and deacons of this church were appointed a committee on religious exercises during the session.

### PLEDGES FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Abbottsburg .....   | \$ 1 00         |
| Brier Branch .....  | 2 00            |
| Galeed .....        | 50 00           |
| Sandy Grove .....   | 5 00            |
| White Lake .....    | 5 00            |
| St. Joseph .....    | 1 00            |
| Garland ..          | 2 00            |
| White Oak .....     | 25 00           |
| Hickory Grove ..... | 8 00            |
| Paradise .....      | 5 00            |
| Beards Chapel ..... | 2 00            |
| Total .....         | <hr/> \$ 106 00 |

### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

In our State Mission work, which is a very important department in the Lord's Kingdom, there must be constant enlargement. The State is growing in numbers and in wealth and we must keep pace with its growth and development, and to do this each church must enlarge their contributions for State Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FREEMAN,

Committee.

A. J. Freeman, Hight C. Moore and R. L. Byrd spoke to the report.

A cash collection was taken for State Missions amounting to \$6.20.

#### PLEDGES FOR STATE MISSIONS.

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Abbottsburg .....      | \$ 5 00         |
| Bethel .....           | 2 00            |
| Centre Road .....      | 2 00            |
| Galeed .....           | 45 00           |
| Mt. Pleasant (B) ..... | 2 00            |
| Shady Grove .....      | 2 00            |
| Sandy Grove .....      | 5 00            |
| White Lake .....       | 7 00            |
| Zion Hill .....        | 2 00            |
| St. Joseph .....       | 1 00            |
| Garland .....          | 2 00            |
| Beards Chapel .....    | 1 00            |
| White Oak .....        | 20 00           |
| Hickory Grove .....    | 10 00           |
| Paradise .....         | 2 00            |
| Loves Grove .....      | 2 00            |
| Total .....            | <hr/> \$ 110 00 |

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Baptist have much to be thankful for in connection with the work of Home Missions. The Home Mission Societies of our northern brethren have done a magnificent work in the west and among the Negroes of the South, especially through this agency. Throughout the Western and Northwestern States are thousands of Baptist churches, to-day doing fine work, that were planted by the Home Mission Board. Southern Baptist believe in Home Missions. They have seen the blessed fruits of this work in every section of their territory.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has been blessed of God in building up His cause in the South, in the West and in Cuba. This is the Board that tries to keep pace with the material progress of our country—also Cuba. Wherever a new town springs up this Board is the first to plant a church and give the people the pure Gospel. It is doing splendid work in assisting in, and co-operating in our mountain school work. Wherever the State Mission Board establishes a school the Home Mission Board

often co-operates, when necessary, also it has done a fine work among the colored people of the South in establishing New Era Institutes for training the colored preachers for better and more efficient work.

This Board in a large measure is doing foundation work, therefore we should give it our support, for we can never be strong abroad while we are weak at home. We commend the work of this Board to the confidence of our brethren and sisters throughout the Association and beg that it have our hearty support, also that increased pledges be taken for it.

Respectfully submitted,

I. P. HEDGPETH,

Committee.

Hight C. Moore spoke to the report.

PLEDGES FOR HOME MISSIONS.

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Bethel.....           | \$ 2 00  |
| Abbottsbuurg.....     | 2 50     |
| Galeed.....           | 40 00    |
| Centre Road.....      | 2 00     |
| Mt. Pleasant (B)..... | 2 00     |
| Shady Grove.....      | 2 00     |
| Sandy Grove.....      | 5 00     |
| White Lake.....       | 3 50     |
| Zion Hill.....        | 2 00     |
| Garland.....          | 2 00     |
| Beards Chapel.....    | 1 00     |
| White Oak.....        | 6 00     |
| Hickory Grove.....    | 6 50     |
| Paradise.....         | 1 00     |
| Love's Grove.....     | 2 00     |
| Total.....            | \$ 79 50 |

Bro. A. H. Porter addressed the Association on the subject of Periodicals.

Prof. W. W. Woodhouse, of the White Oak school, addressed the Association on the subject of Education.

The Association then adjourned for one hour.

## EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called together by singing.

Bro. Hight C. Moore addressed the Association on the subject of Sunday School work.

Bro. Moore offered the following resolutions which were adopted:

Resolved, (1) That the second fifth Sunday meeting of our Union in 1905 be devoted to a consideration of Sunday School topics and the unifying of our Sunday School forces.

(2) That a committee of three from each Union be appointed to arrange for this meeting, to advance in every possible way the Sunday School interests of the body, and to co-operate with our State Field Secretary in his work in our borders.

(3) That each of our Sunday Schools be requested to make at least one offering during the coming Associational year for our Baptist Sunday School work.

Bro. R. M. Hilburn read the report on the Orphanage.

Remarks by R. M. Hilburn, A. J. Freeman and M. L. Mintz.

## PLEDGES FOR THE ORPHANAGE.

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Abbottsburg .....   | \$ 2 00  |
| Bethel .....        | 1 00     |
| Brier Branch .....  | 1 00     |
| Centre Road .....   | 1 00     |
| Galeed .....        | 10 00    |
| Mt. Pleasant .....  | 2 00     |
| Shady Grove .....   | 1 00     |
| Sandy Grove .....   | 5 00     |
| White Lake .....    | 6 00     |
| Zion Hill .....     | 2 00     |
| St. Joseph .....    | 50       |
| Garland .....       | 2 00     |
| Beards Chapel ..... | 2 00     |
| White Oak .....     | 6 00     |
| Hichory Grove ..... | 4 50     |
| Peters Creek .....  | 1 00     |
| Total .....         | \$ 47 00 |



The subject of Ministers' Relief was discussed by Bro. F. A. Prevatt.

## PLEDGES FOR MINISTERS' RELIEF.

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Abbottsburg .....   | \$ 1 00  |
| Bethel .....        | 1 00     |
| Brier Branch .....  | 1 00     |
| Centre Road .....   | 2 00     |
| Cypress Creek ..... | 2 00     |
| Galeed .....        | 10 00    |
| Mt. Pleasant .....  | 1 00     |
| Shady Grove .....   | 1 00     |
| Sugg's Grove .....  | 1 00     |
| Sandy Grove .....   | 5 00     |
| White Lake .....    | 4 00     |
| Zion Hill .....     | 1 00     |
| St. Joseph .....    | 50       |
| Garland .....       | 2 00     |
| Beards Chapel ..... | 1 00     |
| White Oak .....     | 6 00     |
| Hickory Grove ..... | 3 00     |
| Love's Grove .....  | 1 00     |
| Peter's Creek ..... | 1 00     |
| Total .....         | \$ 44 50 |

The Association adjourned till to-morrow morning.

## THIRD DAY.

Devotional exercises by Bro. H. B. Humphrey.

Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

From the best information we have on the subject, drunkenness is on the decrease within the bounds of our Association. There is not a legalized bar-room or distillery; and the wine and cider presses once so common, are rapidly disappearing, still there is work to do.

Let us continue to cultivate Temperance sentiment, which we believe to be the only way of dealing effectually with the drink evil.

Respectfully submitted,

FURNEY WILLIS,

Committee.

Remarks by A. J. Freeman, H. B. Humphrey and the Moderator.

Report adopted.

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Knowledge is power and if we admit the truthfulness of the statement that ability is the measure of responsibility, we must enlarge our contributions for Ministerial Education. We feel the sore need of a better informed ministry in our midst, so let each church in the Bladen Association increase their contributions for this object.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FREEMAN,

Committee.

Remarks by A. J. Freeman and M. L. Mintz.

A cash collection was taken for the Theological Seminary at Louisville amounting to \$10.00.

#### PLEDGES FOR EDUCATION.

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Abbottsburg.....   | \$ 2 50  |
| Bethel.....        | 1 00     |
| Brier Branch.....  | 1 00     |
| Centre Road.....   | 1 00     |
| Cypress Creek..... | 2 00     |
| Galeed.....        | 25 00    |
| Shady Grove.....   | 1 00     |
| Sandy Grove.....   | 3 00     |
| White Lake.....    | 3 50     |
| Zion Hill.....     | 1 00     |
| Garland.....       | 1 00     |
| Beards Chapel..... | 1 00     |
| White Oak.....     | 5 00     |
| Hickory Grove..... | 3 00     |
| Love's Grove.....  | 1 00     |
| Peters Creek.....  | 1 00     |
| Total.....         | \$ 52 00 |

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Place, White Lake church Bladen county, N. C.

Time, Wednesday before the second Sunday in November 1905.

M. L. Mintz to preach the sermon, William Brunt, alternate.

Resolved, That we extend our heart felt thanks to the members of the Shady Grove vicinity for their hospitality during this session of the Bladen County Association.

A. J. FREEMAN,  
M. L. MINTZ.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Minute Fund.....          | \$ 15 00  |
| State Missions.....       | 70 95     |
| Foreign Missions.....     | 32 52     |
| Home Missions.....        | 17 68     |
| Association Missions..... | 4 50      |
| Ministers' Relief.....    | 16 03     |
| Orphanage.....            | 19 32     |
| Education.....            | 21 37     |
| Total.....                | \$ 197 37 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Printing Minutes.....          | \$ 9 00   |
| State Missions.....            | 70 95     |
| Foreign Missions.....          | 32 52     |
| Home Missions.....             | 17 68     |
| Ministers' Relief.....         | 16 03     |
| Orphanage.....                 | 19 32     |
| Education.....                 | 21 37     |
| Clerk of Association.....      | 4 50      |
| Postage and Blank Letters..... | 50        |
| Balance Minute Fund.....       | 5 50      |
| Total.....                     | \$ 197 37 |

Respectfully submitted,  
F. S. AVERITT,  
Treasurer.

## FINANCE REPORT.

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Minute Fun .....       | \$ 17 00        |
| State Missions.....    | 25 87           |
| Home Missions.....     | 15 40           |
| Foreign Missions.....  | 14 65           |
| Education.....         | 6 00            |
| Orphanage.....         | 17 02           |
| Ministers' Relief..... | 5 00            |
| Total.....             | <hr/> \$ 110 94 |

Respectfully submitted,  
A. E. PAIT,  
Z. G. THOMPSON,  
Committee.

The Finance Committee was instructed to pay over the funds in their hands to the Treasurer, and the Treasurer pay them to the objects for which they are intended.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to have the minutes printed and distributed and that the Clerk have \$10.00 for his services.

On motion the Association adjourned.

|                |                  |            |
|----------------|------------------|------------|
|                | ELDER Wm. BRUNT, |            |
| F. S. AVERITT, |                  | Moderator. |
| Clerk.         |                  |            |

## CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

Cape Fear-Columbus—J. W. Callihan.  
 Wilmington—Ed. Rich.  
 Cedar Creek—O. M. Jones.  
 Robeson—F. S. Averitt.  
 South River—J. W. Downing.  
 Eastern—D. A. Marshburn.  
 To Baptist State Convention—A. J. Freeman.  
 To Southern Baptist Convention—H. C. Bridger.  
 Member of State Board—A. J. Freeman.

## WRITERS FOR NEXT SESSION.

State Missions—H. B. Humphrey.  
 Home Missions—D. J. Clark.  
 Foreign Mission—A. J. Freeman.  
 Education—W. L. Brisson.  
 Orphange—O. M. Jones.  
 Ministers' Relief—N. A. Layton.  
 Temperance—J. W. Downing.  
 Periodicals—J. L. Hall.

## REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

## Abbottsburg.

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Foreign Missions..... | \$ 3 95 |
| Home Missions.....    | 1 50    |
| State Missions.....   | 75      |
| Total.....            | \$ 6 20 |

MRS. W. P. POWELL, President.

Wilmington, N. C.

## Galeed.

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| State Missions.....     | \$ 8 35  |
| Home Missions.....      | 9 65     |
| Foreign Missions.....   | 8 50     |
| Christmas Offering..... | 3 50     |
| Total.....              | \$ 30 00 |

MISS S. D. SINGLETARY, President,

Bladenboro, N. C.

## White Lake.

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| State Missions.....   | \$ 1 28 |
| Foreign Missions..... | 1 84    |
| Total.....            | \$ 3 12 |



## CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS.

| CHURCHES.       | PASTORS.                         | CLERKS.                            |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Browns Creek.   | R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro, N. C. | W. B. Hester, Elizabethtown, N. C. |
| Abbottsburg ..  | R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville, "       | J. T. Averitt, Abbottsburg, "      |
| Zion Hill ..... | R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro, "     | M. Hester, Bladenboro, "           |
| Centre Road..   | D. H. Hilburn, Bladenboro, "     | John Cheshire, Moscow, "           |
| Hickory Grove   | R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville, "       | Seth Lewis, Brompton, "            |
| Briar Branch..  | M. L. Mintz, White Oak, "        | J. W. Downing, Downingsville, "    |
| White Oak ....  | W. S. Ballard, Clarkton, "       | D. M. Melvin, White Oak, "         |
| White Lake....  | J. H. Dobson, Atkinson, "        | D. A. Marshburn, Ham, "            |
| Sugg's Grove..  | R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville, "       | C. D. Ray, Jerome, "               |
| Love's Grove..  | W. L. Brisson, Dublin, "         | N. B. Singletary, Tar Heel, "      |
| Shady Grove..   | J. T. Tyner, Lumberton, "        | J. D. McKeithan, Clarkton, "       |
| Sandy Grove..   | M. L. Mintz, White Oak, "        | A. Z. Davis, Bladenboro, "         |
| St. Joseph....  | H. B. Humphrey, Clarkton, "      | W. F. Melvin, Elkton, "            |
| Garland .....   | A. B. Stephens, Autryville, "    | Wiley Cain, Garland, "             |
| Paradise .....  | J. T. Tyner, Lumberton, "        | W. H. Perry, Rosindale, "          |
| Elizabethtown   | J. H. Hildreth, "                | H. B. Register, Elizabethtown, "   |
| Galeed .....    | I. P. Hedgpeth, Lumberton, "     | T. C. Hilburn, Bladenboro, "       |
| Bethel .....    | D. L. Johnson, Downingsville, "  | W. O. Carrall, Moscow, "           |
| Beard's Chapel  | H. Carter, Garland, "            | A. Norris, Garland, "              |
| Cypress Creek   | .....                            | Alex Smith, Cypress Creek, "       |
| Peters Creek..  | J. H. Dobson, Atkinson, "        | Alex Simmons, Floyd, "             |

## SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

| CHURCHES.          | Officers & Teachers. | No. of Scholars. | School Expenses. | Contributions. | Papers and Quarterlies taken. | SUPERINTENDENT.                 |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Abbottsburg .....  | 6                    | 80               | \$ 4 88          | \$23 00        | 25                            | J. S. Cain, Abbottsburg, N. C.  |
| Zion Hill .....    | 4                    | .....            | .....            | .....          | 27                            | Jasper Edwards, Bladenboro, "   |
| Briar Branch ..... | 4                    | 26               | 50               | .....          | .....                         | J. W. Downing, Downingsville, " |
| White Oak .....    | 9                    | 80               | 8 00             | .....          | 80                            | D. W. Melvin, White Oak, "      |
| White Lake .....   | 4                    | 40               | 5 00             | .....          | 50                            | R. H. Marshburn, Ham, "         |
| Sugg's Grove ..... | 9                    | 82               | 6 00             | .....          | 48                            | J. L. Grice, Jerome, "          |
| Love's Grove ..... | 7                    | 24               | 4 50             | .....          | 24                            | N. B. Singletary, Tar Heel, "   |
| Sandy Grove .....  | 5                    | 64               | 10 00            | .....          | 10                            | I. A. Davis, Elizabethtown, "   |
| Garland .....      | 4                    | 25               | 2 50             | .....          | 18                            | Ed. Rich, Garland, "            |
| Galeed .....       | 7                    | 98               | 11 76            | 17 65          | 192                           | D. A. Singletary, Bladenboro, " |
| Bethel .....       | 4                    | 25               | .....            | .....          | 22                            | F. Willis, Dublin, "            |
| Beard's Chapel.... | 4                    | 40               | 1 30             | .....          | 18                            | M. Long, Garland, "             |

CHURCHES.

| CHURCHES.     |     | Baptized. | Rec'd by Letter. | Restored. | Dis. by Letter. | Excluded. | Died.    | Males. | Females.  | Total Membership. | Pastor's Salary. | Incidental Expenses. | Poor.   | Minute Fund. | Associational Missions. | State Missions. | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Education. | Orphanage. | Minister's Relief. | Other Objects. | Sum total for All Objects. |
|---------------|-----|-----------|------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|----------|--------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------|------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Brown's Creek | 7   |           | 1                | 5         |                 |           | 32       | 52     | 84        | 86 00             |                  |                      |         | 35           | 1 41                    | 1 76            | 1 45           | 1 15              | 1 00       | 1 00       | 1 00               | 23 75          | 5 71                       |
| Abbotsburg    |     |           | 2                | 2         |                 |           | 20       | 32     | 52        | 30 25             |                  |                      |         | 50           |                         | 4 42            | 3 29           | 3 24              | 2 00       | 1 00       | 1 00               | 102 86         |                            |
| Bethel        |     |           | 1                |           |                 |           | 10       | 35     | 45        | 20 00             |                  |                      |         | 30           |                         | 1 00            | 1 00           | 1 50              | 1 00       | 1 00       | 59 50              |                |                            |
| Briar Branch  | 2   |           |                  | 1         | 2               |           | 13       | 38     | 51        | 24 00             |                  |                      |         | 50           | 1 50                    | 1 50            | 1 50           | 2 00              | 1 00       | 1 00       | 30 50              |                |                            |
| Centre Road   | 2   |           | 1                | 1         |                 |           | 31       | 42     | 73        | 30 00             |                  |                      |         | 1 00         | 1 50                    | 2 82            | 2 56           | 4 18              | 1 00       | 1 55       | 43 00              |                |                            |
| Cypress Creek | 2   |           | 4                | 2         |                 |           | 28       | 56     | 84        |                   | 7 20             | 4 22                 | 4 22    | 4 50         | 14 41                   | 41 05           | 42 90          | 52 19             | 26 11      | 10 40      | 9 93               | 124 27         |                            |
| Galed         | 34  |           |                  |           |                 |           | 77       | 123    | 200       | 150 00            |                  |                      |         | 1 00         |                         | 1 00            | 1 25           |                   |            |            |                    | 487 18         |                            |
| Shady Grove   | 1   |           |                  |           |                 |           | 23       | 57     | 80        |                   | 150 00           |                      |         | 50           |                         |                 |                |                   |            | 1 55       | 3 25               |                |                            |
| Sue's Grove   | 2   |           | 2                | 4         | 2               |           | 29       | 39     | 68        | 36 00             |                  | 150 00               |         | 60           | 91                      | 5 00            | 4 45           | 6 62              | 3 00       | 5 00       | 5 00               | 186 50         |                            |
| Shady Grove   | 2   |           |                  |           |                 |           | 38       | 59     | 97        | 45 00             |                  |                      |         | 1 00         |                         | 8 00            | 3 70           | 3 77              | 2 00       | 7 00       | 8 05               | 19 50          |                            |
| White Lake    | 2   |           | 2                | 1         | 1               |           | 42       | 90     | 132       | 75 00             |                  |                      |         |              |                         | 3 00            | 1 00           | 3 00              | 1 00       | 1 00       | 1 00               | 129 32         |                            |
| Zion Hill     | 7   |           | 10               | 1         |                 | 2         | 2        | 36     | 62        | 32 00             | 14 80            |                      |         | 2 05         |                         | 20 00           | 1 00           | 15 25             | 3 15       | 21 51      | 3 00               | 51 00          |                            |
| White Oak     | 5   |           | 3                | 3         | 4               |           | 85       | 146    | 231       | 125 00            | 5 00             |                      | 5 00    | 1 25         | 3 78                    | 9 54            | 5 81           | 5 76              |            |            |                    | 12 41          |                            |
| Hickory Grove | 19  |           | 4                | 1         | 2               |           | 64       | 114    | 178       | 80 00             | 12 00            |                      |         |              |                         | 3 10            |                | 3 12              |            |            | 3 12               | 68 06          |                            |
| Love's Grove  | 3   |           |                  |           |                 |           | 18       | 21     | 39        | 35 00             |                  |                      |         | 25           |                         |                 |                |                   |            |            |                    | 82 85          |                            |
| St. Joseph    |     |           |                  |           |                 |           |          |        |           |                   |                  |                      |         |              |                         |                 |                |                   |            |            |                    | 25             |                            |
| Peter's Creek | 3   |           |                  |           | 1               |           | 21       | 40     | 61        | 60 00             |                  |                      |         | 50           |                         | 5 87            | 1 64           | 3 05              |            | 2 47       |                    | 73 53          |                            |
| Elizabethtown | 2   |           |                  |           |                 |           |          |        | 19        |                   |                  |                      |         | 25           |                         | 25              | 50             |                   |            | 25         |                    | 2 00           |                            |
| Garland       | 14  |           | 1                |           |                 | 2         | 32       | 49     | 81        | 75 00             | 12 00            |                      |         | 1 00         |                         | 80              | 5 00           | 1 98              |            | 97         |                    | 99 25          |                            |
| Paradise      |     |           |                  |           |                 |           |          |        |           |                   |                  |                      |         |              |                         |                 |                |                   |            |            |                    | 2 50           |                            |
| Beards Chapel | 1   |           |                  |           |                 | 1         | 19       | 32     | 51        | 36 00             |                  |                      |         | 57           |                         |                 | 1 00           | 2 00              | 1 00       | 2 00       | 1 00               | 6 68           |                            |
| Total         | 108 | 26        | 18               | 35        | 14              | 10        | (08)1061 | (16)69 | \$ 919 25 | \$ 201 00         | \$ 9 22          | \$15 99              | \$22 01 | \$ 109 21    | \$84 35                 | \$110 31        | \$40 26        | \$57 15           | \$34 35    | \$ 299 91  | \$1763 01          |                |                            |









**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**BLADEN COUNTY**  
**Baptist Association,**

**HELD WITH THE**  
**WHITE LAKE CHURCH,**  
**Bladen County, N. C.,**  
**NOVEMBER, 8th, 9th and 10th, 1905.**

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The next session of this Association will be held with the Hickory Grove Church, Bladen County, N. C., beginning November 7th 1906.

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**OFFICERS.**

ELDER WILLIAM BRUNT, Moderator, White Oak, N. C.  
F. S. AVERITT, Clerk and Treasurer, Abbottsburg, N. C.

SAMUEL T. MEARES, Printer,  
CLARKTON, N. C.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS.

|                              |                |       |
|------------------------------|----------------|-------|
| <i>Brunt William</i> , ..... | White Oak,     | N. C. |
| <i>Bryan Levi</i> .....      | Cypress Creek, | „     |
| <i>Brisson W. M.</i> ....    | Guyton,        | „     |
| <i>Brisson W. L.</i> ....    | Guyton,        | „     |
| <i>Clark D. J.</i> .....     | Elizabethtown, | „     |
| <i>Carter Henry</i> .....    | Garland,       | „     |
| <i>Carter A. D.</i> .....    | Garland,       | „     |
| <i>Downing J. W.</i> .....   | Downingville,  | „     |
| <i>Freeman A. J.</i> .....   | Bladenboro,    | „     |
| <i>Hilburn R. M.</i> ....    | Bladenboro,    | „     |
| <i>Hilburn D. H.</i> ....    | Bladenboro,    | „     |
| <i>Hester S.</i> ....        | Bladenboro,    | „     |
| <i>Humphrey H. B.</i> .....  | Clarkton,      | „     |
| <i>Hester C. R.</i> .....    | Dublin,        | „     |
| <i>Johnson D. L.</i> .....   | Downingville,  | „     |
| <i>Johnson Allen</i> .....   | Elizabethtown, | „     |
| <i>Melvin W. S.</i> .....    | Parkersburg,   | „     |

## PROCEEDINGS.

WHITE LAKE CHURCH, Bladen Co., Nov. 8 1905.

The Bladen County Baptist Association met in its fourteenth annual session, with this church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by; J. S. Farmer, from 1st John, 4th chapter and 17th verse. A recess of 45 minutes was then given for refreshments

The Association was then called together by singing. Prayer was then offered, Bro. J. D. Newton leading.

A. L. Tatom, J. T. Averitt and O. M. Jones were appointed a committee on Finance and J. B. Newton and A. J. Freeman Reading Clerks. Letters were then called for; read and delegates enrolled as follows.

Browns Creek, Not represented.

Abbottsburg. J. S. Cain\*, G. W. Smith\*, J. T. Averitt.

Bethel, W. M. Brisson, J. F. Brisson, J. R. Pait.

Brier Branch, C. L. Long, L. B. Davis, T. G. Vicus.

Centre Roads, J. O. Evers\*, Forney Evers\*, W. L. Guyton.

Frenches Creek, Not represented.

Cypress Creek, R. J. Mitchell, Luther Smith, A. S. Smith.

Galeed, F. S. Averitt, J. N. Kelly, Frank Russ.

Mount Pleasant (B), Not represented.

Shady Grove, R. E. F. Cook\*, Z. G. Thompson, T. C. Thompson

Suggs Grove, R. B. Edge, J. D. Dew.

Sandy Grove, H. J. Edwards\*, J. L. Hester, L. T. Hester.

white Lake, R. H. Marshburne, D. H. Russ, S. Norris.

Waddells, W. P. Smith, J. W. Evers\*, J. C. Ward\*.

Zion Hill, S. w. Singletary, J. D. Edwards, M. Hester\*.

St. Joseph, Not represented.

Garland, E. Rich, Wiley Cain\*.

Beards Chapel. By letter.

white Oak, D. L. Melvin, A. L. Tatom.

Mount Pleasant (S), Not represented.

Hickory Grove, J. L. Singletary, W. N. Singletary\*

Paradise. Not represented.

Cape Fear. Not represented.

Corinth. Not represented.

Love's Grove, By letter.

Thumb Swamp, Not represented.

Peter's Creek, A. Simmons, F. P. Smith.

Elizabethtown, C. Martin, W. J. Sutton, J. P. Mercer.

Delegates marked thus; \* Not present.

The Association then organized by re-electing Elder William Brunt, Moderator, F. S. Averitt, Clerk and Treasurer. An invitation was extended to visitors. J. S. Farmer of the Biblical Recorder, J. B. Newton from the Nuse Association, J. D. Newton from the Liberty Association, F. F. Newton from the Eastern Association and P. T. Britt from the Robeson Association: responded and were welcomed to seats. Bro. Farmer then addressed the Association on the subject of periodicals.

The Association then adjourned till 9:30; A. M. tomorrow.

### *Second Day.*

Devotional exercises conducted by, W. M. Brisson. Minutes of yesterday, read and adopted.

Sec. L. Johnson, A. Johnson of Charity and Children and J. A. Oates of the North Carolina Baptist, were welcomed to seats.

### *Report on Temperance.*

We would urge our churches to interest themselves in temperance and endeavor to see to it. that our temperance laws are made effective.

W. M. BRISSON. Committee.

Brethren A. J. Freeman and M. L. Mintz, spoke to the report. A cash collection was taken for the anti-saloon league, amounting to \$3.00.

### *Report on State Missions.*

The Baptist State Convention was organized at Greenville March 26 1830. A board of delegates was appointed, which still exist under the name of the Board of Missions and Sunday

Schools. This board now has under its supervision, State, Home and Foreign mission work. There has been great development in state mission work in the last 34 years. In 1870; \$1,111.32 was raised, in 1904; \$29,494.94, an increase of \$28,383.62. There are 123 missionaries now at work under the direction of the state board, some of them only receive a supplement to their salary. One thing we wish to notice, is that at least half the churches in the state were organized thro the efforts of the missionaries of the board, and that two thirds of the money contributed in the state, is contributed by these churches. Our denominational schools in the mountains are doing a great work, and yet there is room for schools, churches, preachers and room for more christians in our churches. There are five counties in the state with only one preacher each, four county seats which have no Baptist Church, and many other towns without Baptist organization; asking for help.

H. B. HUMPHREY, Committee.

H. B. Humphrey and Livingston Johnson, spoke to the report. A cash collection of \$5.50 was then taken for state missions.

For pledges for State Missions, see table.

A resolution was offered by Bro. A. L. Tatom, to put a missionary in the association, on motion the matter was referred to a committee; consisting of, Brethren, William Brunt, R. M. Hilburn, M. L. Mintz, A. L. Tatom and F. S. Averitt.

On motion the Association adjourned for an hour.

### *Evening Session.*

The Association was called together by singing, prayer was offered by Bro. Archie Johnson leading.

### *Report on Orphanage.*

The first orphan was received into our Orphanage at Thom- asville in, Nov. 1885. The number cared for there at present is; 280 children. When the Durham building is completed we will have our 300 children, which will be by Jan. 1. These are provided for in a system which reproduces as near as possible the conditions of home life, combined with the best school opportunities. It cost about \$5.00 per month, per child, to care for them. The most of the children seem to be satisfied and happy.

The expences must be heavier every year, as the cost of living and the number of children increases. Our debt is about \$11,000



There are about 25 people employed to look after the various departments of the orphanage. The orphanage is something to be proud of, when we see our family of about 300 little children cared for by christian parents, teaching them to come to Christ, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

May God give us a clear conception of our duty, knowing that as oft as we give to care for one of these little ones, we give it to the Lord.

O. M. JONES, Committee.

Remarks by Bro. A. Johnson. A cash collection amounting to \$3.00 was taken for the Orphanage.

For pledges for orphanage; see table.

### *Report on Periodicals.*

The press is the greatest agency in the world for the success of any enterprise. For the progress of Baptist interest in our state the Biblical Recorder was established, and has till this day been the greatest power in advancing our cause. Later the the North Carolina Baptist was started and has found its way into many homes where our state organ had not gone. Charity and Children represents our orphanage work in the state, The Foreign Mission Journal, our foreign mission work, and The Home Field, the work of our Home Board in overcoming the destitution in our Southland, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Cuba. All the above papers we commend to our brethren, also that our Sunday Schools supply themselves with the convention series of literature, published at Nashville, Tenn. and order through the Baptist Book Store, Raleigh, N. C.

J. B. NEWTON, Committee

J. B. Newton and J. A. Oates spoke to the report.  
Report adopted.

Bro A. L. Tatom offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted, by a rising vote.

Believing that the liquor curse in North Carolina, should be suppressed by law just as far as possible, and believing that prohibition territory is now greatly cursed by the great whiskey centers of the state, We favor a constitutional amendment, prohibiting the liquor traffic in North Carolina, and ask our representative in the next Legislature to have the issue submitted to the people.

On motion the Association adjourned till 9:30, A. M. tomorrow.

*Third Day.*

Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. A. J. Freeman. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

The Committee appointed to consider the resolution in regard to a missionary for the Association made the following report.

Whereas, the Association turned over the resolution, as to Missionary, to committee to investigate, and report their advice

Therefore; Resolved, that the judgment of the committee, is to leave the matter of missionary work, to the Unions, as before with urgent instruction that each Union search diligently, and at once after vacancies in its own bounds, and weak churches that need help. and do all they can to meet the requirements of their needs. Each Union shall have the privilege to make any arrangements that they choose, or can with the State Board as to the use of State Board money.

WM. BRUNT, CHM.  
F. S. AVERITT, SEC.  
A. L. TATOM,  
R. M. HILBURN.  
M. L. MINTZ.

*Report on Home Missions.*

The Home Mission Board of The Southern Baptist Convention, is doing mission work in the large cities of the South, such as Baltimore, New Orleans and others, also in Cuba, Indian Territory and the mountain districts within our bounds.

We may point with pride and gratitude to the work which has been accomplished by our board, for whenever the standard of truth, as is held by Baptist, is raised; whether in the large cities, the Cotton Mill Town, the mountain cold, the prairies of the West or the Island of Cuba, churches have been established and the smiles of Jehovah are resting upon the labors of our hands and hearts. The Southland: The birthplace and home of more Baptist than any other section of the whole world is especially favored in many respects, cotton and many vegetables are raised more successfully in our Southland than anywhere else,

The eyes of millions are being turned to our favored land and thousands are coming, old towns are taking on new life and new towns are building. Let us meet this mighty tide with a mighty gospel.

J. D. NEWTON, } Committee.  
R. H. MARSHBURN. }

Bro. A. J. Freeman spoke to the report.  
For pledges for Home Missions, see table.

*Report on Foreign Missions.*

There has been a great improvement in the amount raised for Foreign Missions; for the last few years. In 1870 the Baptist of North Carolina, raised \$408.28, in 1904 they raised \$20,497.62, which shows an increase of \$20,089.34. This increase is only a stepping stone to a greater work. We read in Romans 10-12, "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek" for the same Lord over all, is rich unto all that call upon him. In verse 14 we find, "How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard" and "How shall they hear without a preacher" and "How shall they preach, except they be sent". The Lord in his wisdom has laid the preaching of his gospel on the ones he has called and sent forth. So let each brother and sister give freely of the means which the Lord has blessed them with, to support the gospel in Foreign Fields.

A. J. FREEMAN, Committee.

Remarks on the report by Bro. Freeman.

For pledges for Foreign Missions, see table.

*Report on Ministers' Relief.*

I am glad to report that there is more interest being taken by the Association this year than ever before, in discussing the plans best suited for the relief of our aged Ministers. The matter of building a home for aged ministers will come up at the next State Convention. and one Association. (The Raleigh) is ready to raise \$500.00 for the purpose.

The Aged Ministers' Relief Board works without any compensation, therefore every cent given goes directly to their relief. The receipts now are about \$2,000.00, annually. I feel that we should do more for this noble work of charity.

N. A. LAYTON, Committee.

Remarks by; S. Norris, and A. D. Carter.

For pledges for Ministers' Relief, see table.

For pledges for Education, see table.

*Time and Place of Next Meeting.*

Place; Hickory Grove Church, Bladen County, N. C.  
Time; Wednesday before the second Sunday in November, 1906,  
William Brunt to preach the sermon. H. B. Humphrey, Alternate.

*Resolved: That we extend our heart felt thanks to the White Lake Vicinity, for their Hospitality, during the session of the Bladen Association.*

*M. L. Mintz.*

*P. T. Britt.*

*Treasurer's Report.*

| <i>Receipts.</i>       |                 | <i>Disbursements.</i>     |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| To balance Minute Fund | \$ 5.50         | Printing Minutes          | \$ 12.00        |
| Minute Fund            | 17.00           | State Missions            | 25.87           |
| State Missions         | 25.87           | Home Missions             | 15.40           |
| Home Missions          | 15.40           | Foreign Missions          | 14.65           |
| Foreign Missions       | 14.65           | Education                 | 6.00            |
| Education              | 6.00            | Orphanage                 | 17.02           |
| Orphanage              | 17.02           | Ministers' Relief         | 5.00            |
| Ministers' Relief      | 5.00            | Clerk of Association      | 10.00           |
|                        |                 | Post. and express on Min. | .50             |
| Total                  | <u>\$106.44</u> |                           | <u>\$106.44</u> |

Respectfully Submitted,

F. S. AVERITT, Committee.

*Finance Report.*

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Minute Fund.....          | \$ 17.56        |
| State Missions .....      | 50.36           |
| Foreign Missions .....    | 28.83           |
| Home Missions.....        | 8.95            |
| Association Missions..... | 3.00            |
| Education .....           | 16.00           |
| Orphanage.....            | 23.35           |
| Ministers' Relief .....   | 2.71            |
| Total                     | <u>\$150.76</u> |

A. L. TATOM, J. T. AVERITT, O. M. JONES, Committee.

The Finance Committee was instructed to pay over the funds in their hands, to the Treasurer, and the Treasurer pay them to the objects for which they are intended.

On motion it was agreed that the clerk have \$10.00, for his services. The Association then raised \$4.30, for the clerk and asked each Union to forward him \$2.85.

The Association then adjourned, with prayer, Bro. Paul Britt, leading.

ELDER WM. BRUNT, Moderator.

F. S. AVERITT, Clerk.

*Corresponding Messengers to Sister Associations.*

Robeson,—H. B. Humphrey.

Cape Fear-Columbus,—R. M. Hilburn. A. J. Freeman.

Wilmington,—M. L. Mintz.

Eastern,—A. D. Carter.

South River.—W. J. Melvin.

Cedar Creek,—O. Jones.

Baptist State Convention,—A. J. Freeman, P. T. Britt.

Southern Baptist Convention,—M. L. Mintz.

Member of State Board,—A. J. Freeman.

*Writers for Next Session.*

State Missions,—A. J. Freeman.

Home Missions,—D. H. Hilburn.

Foreign Missions,—M. L. Mintz.

Education.—A. D. Carter.

Orphanage,—R. H. Marshburn.

Ministers' Relief,—N. A. Layton.

Temperance.—W. L. Brisson.

Periodicals,—H. B. Humphrey.

**Report of Woman's Missionary Society of Galeed Church.**

|   |                     |         |   |
|---|---------------------|---------|---|
| + | Foreign Missions,   | \$ 8.90 | + |
|   | State Missions,     | 9.00    |   |
| → | Home Missions,      | 11.40   | ← |
|   | Christmas Offering, | 3.00    |   |
| + | Expense Fund        | 1.00    | + |
|   |                     | <hr/>   |   |
|   | Total               | 33.30   |   |

MISS S. D. SINGLETARY, Pres.

MISS KATIE WHITE, Sec.





## SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

| CHURCHES        | Officers and Teachers. | No. Scholars. | School Expenses. | Contributions. | Papers taken. | SUPERINTENDANTS          |
|-----------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Abbottsburg - - | 5                      | 35            | 5 00             | 13 39          | 54            | J S Cain, Abbottsburg    |
| Sandy Grove -   | 5                      | 57            | 10 00            | .....          | .....         | I A Davis, Elizabethtown |
| White Lake - -  | 5                      | 35            | 4 00             | .....          | 50            | R H Marshburn, Ham       |
| Love's Grove -  | 8                      | 40            | 8 00             | 8 00           | 36            | N B Singletary, Tar Heel |
| Beard's Chapel  | 4                      | 25            | 1 30             | .....          | 12            | M Long, Garland          |
| Galeed - - - -  | 7                      | 130           | 12 40            | 28 60          | 620           | D A Singletary, Bla'boro |
| White Oak - - - | 6                      | 62            | 4 46             | 8 06           | .....         | N A Layton, White Oak    |
| Garland- - - -  | 5                      | 45            | 4 00             | .....          | 33            | E Rich, Garland          |
| Brier Branch -  | 5                      | 37            | 1 50             | .....          | 99            | C L Long, Dowlingville   |
| Shady Grove -   | 7                      | 45            | 10 00            | .....          | 12            | W J Burk, Abbottsburg    |

## CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS.

| CHURCHES.      | PASTORS.                 | CLERKS.                   |
|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Abbottsburg..  | R L Byrd, Tolarsville    | J T Averitt, Abbottsburg  |
| Bethel, .....  | A J Freeman, Bladenboro  | W O Carroll, Moscow       |
| Brier Branch.  | M L Mintz, White Oak     | J W Downing, Down'ville   |
| Centre Road..  | D H Hilburn, Bladenboro  | John Chesire, Moscow.     |
| Cypress Creek  | J H Dobson, Atkinson     | R M Smith, Parkersburg    |
| Galeed.....    | I P Hedgepeth Lumberton  | T C Hilburn, Bladenboro   |
| Shady Grove    | J T Tyner, Lumberton     | T R Thompson, Clarkton    |
| Suggs Grove.   | R L Byrd, Tolarsville    | R H Edge, Jerome          |
| Sandy Grove.   | M L Mintz, White Oak     | A Z Davis, Bladenboro     |
| white Lake ..  | J H Dobson, Atkinson     | D A Marshburn, Ham        |
| Waddells ....  | D L Johnson Downingville | W P Smith, Elizabethtown  |
| Zion Hill .... | R L Byrd, Tolarsville    | M Hester, Bladenboro      |
| Garland.....   | J W Cobb, Lumberbridge   | Wiley Cain, Garland       |
| Beards Chapel  | A J Freeman, Bladenboro  | A Norris, Garland         |
| White Oak ...  | W S Ballard, Clarkton    | A L Tatom, White Oak      |
| Hickory Grove  | R L Byrd, Tolarsville    | Seth Lewis, Richardson    |
| Loves Grove.   | W L Brisson, Guyton      | L B Grimes, Tar Heel      |
| Peters Creek . | J H Dobson, Atkinson     | Alex Simmons Mintz        |
| Elizabethtown  |                          | H B Register Elizabe'town |

*Pledges for the various Objects  
by the different Churches,  
for the ensuing year.*

| CHURCHES.              | State Missions. | Orphanage.   | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Ministers Relief. | Education.   |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Abbottsburg..          | 5 00            | 2 00         | 2 50           | 5 00              | 2 00              | 2 00         |
| Bethel, .....          | 5 00            | 1 00         | 2 00           | 3 00              | 2 00              | 2 00         |
| Brier Branch.          | 2 00            | 1 50         |                | 2 50              | 1 50              | 1 00         |
| Centre Road..          | 2 00            | 1 00         | 2 00           | 2 00              | 1 50              | 1 00         |
| Cypress Creek          | 3 00            | 2 00         |                | 2 00              | 3 00              | 2 00         |
| Galeed.....            | 50 00           | 12 00        | 45 00          | 60 00             | 10 00             | 30 00        |
| Shady Grove            | 4 00            |              | 2 00           |                   |                   |              |
| Suggs Grove.           | 2 00            |              |                |                   | 2 00              |              |
| Sandy Grove.           | 5 00            | 5 00         | 6 00           | 6 00              | 6 50              | 4 00         |
| white Lake ..          | 10 00           | 8 00         | 5 00           | 5 00              | 5 00              | 2 50         |
| Thumb Swamp            | 3 00            | 1 00         |                | 1 00              | 1 00              | 1 00         |
| Mt Pleasant S          | 1 00            | 1 00         | 2 00           | 1 00              | 1 00              | 1 00         |
| Zion Hill ....         | 3 50            | 2 50         | 2 00           | 3 00              | 2 00              | 1 50         |
| Garland.....           | 5 00            | 2 00         | 3 00           | 2 50              | 3 00              | 2 00         |
| Beards Chapel          | 3 00            | 2 00         | 3 00           | 3 00              | 2 00              | 1 00         |
| White Oak ...          | 25 00           | 10 00        | 6 00           | 25 00             | 5 00              | 5 00         |
| Hickory Grove          | 25 00           | 5 00         | 6 50           | 10 00             | 5 00              | 5 00         |
| Loves Grove .          | 5 00            | 1 00         | 2 00           | 5 00              | 2 00              | 2 00         |
| Peters Creek .         | 5 00            | 2 00         |                | 2 00              | 2 00              | 2 00         |
| Elizabethtown          | 3 00            | 1 00         |                | 3 00              |                   |              |
| <b>Total . . . . .</b> | <b>166 50</b>   | <b>60 00</b> | <b>89 00</b>   | <b>139 00</b>     | <b>56 50</b>      | <b>65 00</b> |

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## MEMORIAL TO ELDER J. W. DOWNING.

Elder John W. Downing was born October 15th, 1859. Though he never had the benefit of a college education, he had a great mind to grasp knowledge, and made a hard student. He was one of the best mathematicians in Bladen County. He was always commended for his great kindness and gentleness to every one and his high ideas of what a true gentleman should be, and he lived up to them. When he was 18 years of age he was truly converted and connected himself with the Missionary Baptist Church at Brier Branch, of which he remained a member to his death.

He was married Nov. 13 1884, to Miss Annie K. Pridgen, of Sampson County, to which happy union six children were borned, all of which with his devoted wife survive him. In 1888 he commenced surveying and made a great success. He was County Surveyor for a number of years in Bladen County.

Bro. Downing was a peace-maker and settled many disputes and saved trouble and law suits. By his great energy he became one of the first Surveyors of the County. In 1895, he had laid on his heart it was his call to minister the Word of God. In August 1896, he was ordained by his church. He served Brier Branch Church as pastor and for all his life looked after her best interest as a Father. He also served Benevolence Church in Columbus County, and did much voluntary work. He was quite a good singer and attracted much attention in this way. On February, 15th 1898, he lost all his earthly goods, house and contents by fire, he being several miles from home, made many attempts to cross the fires on horse back, but was driven back, finally succeeded, and when he arrived saw no house no family. Think for a moment, where is all, found them at his brothers' unhurt, but fighting to save their own bodies. So they passed through the fires, God helping them. In July 1905 he was taken with lung trouble and was resigned to God's will, but was loth to give up his loved ones and friends. He passed into perfect rest May 5th 1906, only his loving wife and children can know what a great loss they have sustained in death. He was an affectionate husband and father, and their loss is his eternal gain, his spirit is basking with Jesus His life was a sermon of great power and beauty, whether in sacred desk, whether in social festivities, whether upon missions of mercy, he always preached Christ and made men love virtue, thus he served his generation by the will of God.

"Servant of God well done,  
Rest from thy love imploy.  
The battle fought the victory won  
Enter thy Masters joy.

D. J. CLARK,  
Committee.

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RESOLUTIONS  
OF SYMPATHY TO W. S. MELVIN AND FAMILY.

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Whereas, The Bladen Association in Session at Hickory Grove Church, learn with sorrow of the untimely death of Sidney Melvin, the youngest son of Rev. W. S. Melvin and wife who was the joy and comfort of our venerable aged and afflicted brother:—Therefore be it

Resolved, 1st:—That the Bladen Association extend their sympathy to Bro. and sister Melvin in their sore affliction,

Resolved, 2nd:—That we commend them to Him who does all things well and who makes no mistakes,

Resolved, 3rd:—That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, also a copy be spread upon the minutes of the Bladen Association.

Respectfully submitted,

N. A. LAYTON,  
Committee.

Nov. 9, 1906.

## PROCEEDINGS.

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Hickory Grove Church, Bladen County,  
November 7th, 1906.

The Bladen County Association met in its fifteenth annual session, with this church.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. H. B. Humphrey, from Romans, 6th chapter. A recess of one hour was then given for refreshments.

The Moderator, Elder William Brunt having died since the last meeting. The Association was called to order by the Clerk. Rev. R. M. Hilburn was chosen temporary chairman. Prayer was then offered, Rev. A. H. Porter, leading. Monroe Hester and D. A. Butler were appointed reading clerks, and O. M. Jones, G. F. Allen and T. C. Hilburn a committee on Finance.

Letters were then read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Browns Creek—J. F. Hester, M. Gause.  
Abbottsburg—J. T. Averitt.  
Bethel—F. Willis, J. W. King, W. M. Brisson.  
Brier Branch—T. G. Vickers, A. Johnson, J. W. McDuffie.  
Centre Road—Luther Hester, W. B. Graves, S. Taylor.  
Frenches Creek—Not represented.  
Cypress Creek—Not represented.  
Galeed—T. C. Hilburn, F. P. Callihan, John Munce.  
Mount Pleasant (B)—J. G. Thagard.  
Shady Grove—R. E. F. Cook.  
Suggs Grove—Not represented.  
Sandy Grove—J. B. Kinlaw, J. D. Dove, A. Z. Davis.  
White Lake—J. W. Marshburn, D. H. Russ.  
Waddels—Not Represented.  
Zion Hill—I. F. Hilburn, M. Hester, S. W. Singletary.  
St. Joseph—Not represented.  
Garland—Ed. Rich, O. Rich, N. Carter.  
Beards Chapel—C. B. Smith, G. W. Long, J. J. Norris.  
White Oak—N. A. Layton, D. L. Melvin.

Mount Pleasant (S)—Not represented.

Hickory Grove—L. P. Singletary, G. F. Allen, J. N. Singletary.

Paradise—By letter.

Cape Fear—Not represented.

Corinth—Not represented.

Thumb Swanp—Not represented.

Love's Grove—W. H. Singletary.

Peters Creek—By letter.

Elizabethtown—C. Martin.

Providence—Owen Harris, H. B. Butler.

The Association then organized by electing Rev. R. M. Hilburn Moderator, F. S. Averitt Clerk and Treasurer. The Pastor and Deacons of Hickory Grove Church were appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises during the session. An invitation was extended to visitors. Secretary, L. Johnson, A. H. Porter from the Cape Fear and Columbus Association; R. L. Byrd and E. G. Johnson from the Cedar Creek Association responded and were welcomed to seats. An invitation extended to churches wishing to join this Association. A petitionary letter from Providence, a newly organized Church was handed in and read, and on motion, the Church was duly received.

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Individualism is the Corner Stone of New Testament teaching. This was demonstrated in the commission of our Lord, when He said "go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." This being true, we see the importance of pressing State Missions on the hearts of each individual member of our Churches. So the Baptist cause for which Christ died can be richly cared for. In our own Association we have 22 Churches with 1623 members and paid for State Missions last year \$179.42. This is something like 11cts to the member for this most important object. It is very plain to both Pastor and people, that we must, if we keep in pace with the needs of State Missions, double and re-double our gifts for State Missions.

A. J. FREEMAN,  
Committee.

A. J. Freeman and Livingston Johnson spoke to the report. A cash collection was then taken for State Missions amounting to \$5.43.

For pledges for State Missions see table.

The Association then adjourned till 9.30 to-morrow.

## SECOND DAY.

Devotional exercises conducted by E. G. Johnson.  
Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We cannot estimate the power of the Baptist press in advancing our cause in the development of our churches by keeping the objects of our work continually before us. The Biblical Recorder has done this work for many years earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints. The North Carolina Baptist holds a place of honor contending for prohibition, and has done a great work in North Carolina. Charity and Children is doing good work in the interest of the Orphanage at Thomasville. The Foreign Mission Journal in keeping us informed of our Foreign Mission work. The Home Field which contends for the work of our home Board which is the South of these United States and Cuba. We commend these to our brethren as great helpers in the work of our Master. Also we recommend that all our churches use the Convention series of literature in their Sunday Schools. These Periodicals have done more to advance the cause than any other agency.

H. B. HUMPHREY,  
Committee.

H. B. Humphrey, A. H. Porter and A. J. Freeman spoke to the report. Report adopted.

### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The great purpose of our Lord's coming into this world was to redeem and save. He himself said, "The son of man is come to seek and to save that which is lost." The supreme purpose for which the Church of Christ exist, is to tell a lost world the story of



a dying Saviour's love, and a risen Saviour's power. Any Church that is not fulfilling this divine mission is forfeiting its rights to exist. The Christians of earth are waking up to their duty to a lost world as never before. More men are going and more money is being contributed for Foreign Missions than ever before, and yet we are but beginning. The doors of heathendom are wide open. Let us go up and possess the land.

LIVINGSTON JOHNSON,  
Committee.

Bro. Johnson spoke to the report. A cash collection was taken for Foreign Missions amounting to \$5.81. For pledges for Foreign Missions see table.

On motion, the Association suspended business for one hour, for the dedication of the new house of worship at Hickory Grove. Rev. Livingston Johnson preached from Exodus 28:36, Zachariah 14:20 and Hebrews 12:10. Prayer was then offered by Rev. A. H. Porter. The Association then resumed business and adjourned for one hour.

### EVENING SESSION.

Prayer was offered, Bro. William Johnson leading. A letter of dismission was granted Mount Pleasant Church, Bladen County, to join the Cape Fear Columbus Association. A. Johnson, of Charity and Children, William Johnson from the Cedar Creek Association, Revs O. P. Meeks and P. T. Britt from the Robeson Association were welcomed to seats, at this point a collection was taken for the benefit of W. B. Graves, amounting to \$2.38.

### REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage at Thomasville has now about 350 orphan children. Who are dependent on the Baptist Churches and Sunday Schools for support, and would recommend that each Church increase its pledges, and that every Sunday School in this Association take a

monthly collection for the Orphanage. We have had a bounteous harvest and let us remember the Orphanage very liberally on Thanksgiving day.

N. A. LAYTON,  
Committee.

Bro. A. Johnson spoke to the report. A cash collection taken for the Thomasville Orphanage amounting to \$4.65. For pledges for Orphanage, see table.

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The opportunities for securing an education were never so great as they are today. Many institutions of learning are doing their blessed work in our State. We most heartily commend Wake Forest for boys, and the Baptist University for Women. There are also many excellent preparatory schools in the State worthy of our patronage. We would further congratulate the State on the improvement of our public schools. The Baptist have always been a friend to our Common Schools, and have had no little to do with the betterment of these schools. We would urge our young people to take advantage of the opportunities placed within their reach.

A. D. CARTER,  
Committee.

A. D. Carter and A. Johnson spoke to the report.

For pledges for Education, see table.

On motion, Rev. D. J. Clark was appointed to prepare a tribute of respect to Elders William Brunt and J. W. Downing. The Association then adjourned till 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

#### THIRD DAY.

Devotional exercises conducted by A. J. Freeman  
Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

## REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is doing Mission work within our bounds. During the past year there has come thousands of emigrants within our bounds. Let us increase our pledges for Home Missions and pray God to bless our efforts.

D. H. HILBURN.

Committee.

D. H. Hilburn, A. J. Freeman, A. Johnson and N. A. Layton spoke to the report. For pledges for Home Missions see table. The subject of aged ministers relief was discussed by N. A. Layton, A. J. Freeman, A. D. Carter, D. H. Hilburn, H. B. Humphrey, and P. T. Britt. A cash collection was taken for ministers relief amounting to \$3.84. For pledges for ministers relief see table.

The Association adjourned for one hour.

## EVENING SESSION.

Bro. J. N. Singletary led in prayer.

Time and place of next meeting.—Place: White Oak church, Bladen County, N. C. Time: Wednesday before the second Sunday, in November, 1907; D. H. Ailburn to preach the sermon; P. T. Britt, alternate.

## REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

We are glad to note the steady progress of the cause of temperance within the past few years, and we heartily enclose the temperance laws that have been put on our statute books during the past two sessions of the General Assembly. In the mean time our churches should take a firm and decided stand in dealing with offenders. Heretofore we have talked more than we have acted.

Prominent brethren have been permitted to occupy positions of favor in our churches who drink liquor. This ought not so to be. Every particle of the influence of the church should be thrown against the traffic. And while the saloon keeper comes in for a great deal of abuse he is not more guilty than those who love whiskey more than they love their families and their God.

A. JOHNSON.

A Johnson spoke to the report.

Report adopted.

Resolved, That we extend our heart felt thanks to the Hickory Grove vicinity for their hospitality during this session of the Bladen Association.

P. T. BRITT,

H. B. HUMPHREY.

# CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

Robeson.—A. J. Freeman.

Cape Fear-Columbus.—H. B. Humphrey.

Wilmington.—D. J. Clark.

Eastern.—A. D. Carter.

South River—N. A. Layton.

Cedar Creek—A. L. Tatum.

Baptist State Convention.—A. J. Freeman, R. M. Hilburn.

Southern Baptist Convention.—H. C. Bridger.

Member of State Board.—A. J. Freeman.

## TREASURERS REPORT.

| Receipts.              |          | Disbursments           |          |
|------------------------|----------|------------------------|----------|
| Minute Fund.....       | \$ 17.56 | Printing Minutes.....  | \$ 13.75 |
| State Missions.....    | 50.36    | State Missions.....    | 50.36    |
| Foreign Missions.....  | 28.83    | Foreign Missions.....  | 28.83    |
| Home Missions.....     | 8.95     | Home Missions.....     | 8.95     |
| Association Missions.. | 3.00     | Association Missions.. | 3.00     |
| Education.....         | 16.00    | Aducation.....         | 16.00    |
| Orphanage.....         | 23.35    | Orphanage.....         | 23.36    |
| Ministers Relief.....  | 2.71     | Ministers Relief.....  | 2.71     |
|                        |          | Postage.....           | .56      |
|                        |          | Balance Minute Fund... | 3.25     |
| Total                  | \$150.76 |                        | \$150.76 |

F. S. AVERITT, Treasurer.

## FINANCE REPORT.

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Minute Fund.....          | \$ 18.10 |
| State Misisions.....      | 40.26    |
| Foreign Missions .....    | 38.28    |
| Home Missions .....       | 11.19    |
| Association Missions..... | 2.59     |
| Education.....            | 14.67    |
| Orphanage.....            | 21.92    |
| Ministers Relief.....     | 22.59    |

Total - - - - - \$ 169.60

T. C. HILBURN,  
G. F. ALLEN,  
O. M. JONES,  
Committee.

The Finance Committee was instructed to pay over the funds in their hands to the Trersurer, and the Treasurer pay them to the objects for which they are intended.

On motion, it was agreed that the Clerk have \$10.00 for his services, and that the Unions be requested to forward him \$2.50 each, to be added to the minute fund.

The Association then adjourned with prayer, Bro. Archabald Johnson leading.

F. S. AVERITT  
Clerk.

ELDER R. M. HILBURN,  
Moderator.



## WRITERS FOR NEXT SESSION.

|                        |                            |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| State Missions .....   | D. H. Hilburn.             |
| Foreign Missions ..... | A. J. Freeman.             |
| Home Missions .....    | A. D. Carter.              |
| Education .....        | J. T. Averitt.             |
| Orphanage .....        | N. A. Layton.              |
| Ministers Relief ..... | H. B. Humphrey.            |
| Intemperance .....     | A. L. Tatum.               |
| Sunday Schools .....   | T. C. Hilburn.             |
| Obituaries .....       | D. J. Clark, N. A. Layton. |

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF GALEED  
CHURCH.

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Foreign Missions .....   | \$ 9.00 |
| State Missions .....     | 11.00   |
| Home Missions .....      | 9.30    |
| Christmas Offering ..... | 3.00    |
| Expense Fund .....       | 1.00    |
| Total - - - - -          | \$33.30 |

MISS S. D. SINGLETARY,

MISS KATIE WHITE,

President.

Secretary.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

| CHURCHES.          | Officers and Teachers. | No. Scholars. | School Expenses. | Contributions. | Quarterlies and Papers Taken. | SUPERINTENDENTS.              |
|--------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Abbottsburg .....  | 6                      | 35            | \$ 7 00          | \$10 09        | 50                            | R. B. Buie, Abbottsburg,      |
| Bethel .....       |                        |               |                  |                |                               | F. Willis, Dublin,            |
| Brier Branch ..... | 2                      | 19            | 45               |                |                               | C. L. Long, Downinsville,     |
| Galeed .....       | 7                      | 127           | 6 07             | 49 23          | 600                           | T. C. Hilburn, Abbottsburg,   |
| Shady Grove .....  | 7                      | 50            | 1 70             |                | 60                            | J. R. Atkinson, Abbottsburg,  |
| Sanday Grove ..... | 6                      | 40            | 5 75             |                | 6                             | I. A. Davis, Elizabethtown,   |
| White Lake .....   | 7                      | 40            | 4 00             | 4 00           | 50                            | R. H. Washburn, Ham,          |
| Zion Hill .....    | 4                      | 14            |                  |                | 15                            | S. W. Singletary, Bladenboro, |
| Garland .....      | 3                      | 40            | 4 00             |                | 36                            | Ed. Rich, Garland,            |
| White Oak .....    | 5                      | 65            | 17 60            | 12 00          | 86                            | N. A. Layton, White Oak,      |
| Loves Grove .....  | 5                      | 40            | 3 00             | 3 00           | 35                            | N. B. Singletary, Tar Heel,   |
| Peters Creek ..... | 5                      | 67            | 3 07             | 2 80           | 100                           | F. P. Smith, Boardman.        |

## CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS.

| CHURCHES           | PASTORS.                      | CLERKS                         |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Brown's Creek..... | R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro...  | W. B. Hester, Elizabethtown.   |
| Abbottsburg.....   | R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville.....  | J. T. Averitt, Abbottsburg,    |
| Bethel.....        | C. R. Hester, Dublin.....     | W. O. Carroll, Moscow,         |
| Brier Branch.....  | A. D. Carter, Garland.....    | C. L. Long, Downingsville,     |
| Centre Roads.....  | W. M. Brisson, Guyton.....    | John Cheshire, Moscow,         |
| Galeed.....        | I. P. Hedgpeth, Lumberton..   | T. C. Hilburn, Abbottsburg.    |
| Shady Grove.....   | J. T. Tyner, Whiteville.....  | R. E. F. Cook, Clarkton,       |
| Sandy Grove.....   | M. L. Mintz, Buies Creek..... | A. Z. Davis, Bladenboro,       |
| White Lake.....    | J. H. Dobson, Atkinson.....   | D. A. Washburn, Ham,           |
| Zion Hill.....     | R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville.....  | M. Hester, Richardson,         |
| Garland.....       | J. W. Cobb, Lumber Bridge..   | Wiley Cain, Garland,           |
| Beards Chapel..... | R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro..   | A. Norris, Garland,            |
| White Oak.....     | W. S. Ballard, Clarkton.....  | A. L. Tatum, White Oak,        |
| Hickory Grove..... | R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville.....  | Seth Lewis, Richardson,        |
| Paradise.....      |                               | W. H. Perry, Councils,         |
| Loves Grove.....   | P. T. Britt, Orrum.....       | L. B. Grims, Tar Heel,         |
| Peters Creek.....  | D. L. Johnson, Downingsville  | Alex Simmons, Roseboro,        |
| Elizabethtown..... | O. P. Meeks, Fayetteville.... | H. B. Register, Elizabethtown. |
| Providence.....    |                               | F. P. Johnson.                 |

## P L E D G E S

For the various objects by the different churches for the ensuing year.

| CHURCHES.              | State<br>Missions. | Foreign<br>Missions. | Home<br>Missions. | Education. | Orphanage. | Ministers'<br>Relief. |
|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Brows Creek.....       | \$ 1 00            | 1 00                 | \$ 1 00           | \$ 1 00    | \$ 1 00    | \$ 1 00               |
| Abbottsburg.....       | 6 00               | 5 50                 | 4 00              | 2 00       | 2 00       | 2 00                  |
| Bethel.....            | 5 00               | 3 00                 | 3 00              | 2 00       | 1 50       | 2 50                  |
| Brier Branch.....      | 2 00               | 3 00                 | 3 00              | 2 00       | 3 00       | 4 00                  |
| Centre Roads.....      | 2 00               | 2 50                 | 4 00              | 2 00       | 1 50       | 2 00                  |
| Cypress Creek.....     | 3 00               | 2 00                 | 3 00              | 1 00       | 1 00       | 4 00                  |
| Galeed.....            | 55 00              | 75 00                | 50 00             | 30 00      | 15 00      | 15 00                 |
| Shady Grove.....       | 6 00               | 2 00                 | 3 00              | 4 00       | 2 00       | 1 00                  |
| Sugs Grove.....        | 2 00               | 2 00                 | 3 00              | 1 00       | 2 00       | 3 00                  |
| Sandy Grove.....       | 6 00               | 8 00                 | 10 00             | 4 00       | 6 00       | 10 00                 |
| White Lake.....        | 10 00              | 5 00                 | 6 00              | 3 00       | 8 00       | 6 00                  |
| Zion Hill.....         | 3 00               | 3 00                 | 10 00             | 1 50       | 3 00       | 2 50                  |
| Garland.....           | 5 50               | 3 00                 | 6 00              | 2 50       | 3 00       | 6 00                  |
| Beards Chapel.....     | 4 00               | 3 00                 | 5 00              | 1 00       | 2 00       | 3 00                  |
| White Oak.....         | 30 00              | 30 00                | 12 00             | 7 50       | 20 00      | 7 50                  |
| Mt. Pleasant, (S)..... | 1 00               | 1 00                 | 1 00              | 1 00       | 1 00       | 1 00                  |
| Hickory Grove.....     | 30 00              | 15 00                | 15 00             | 7 00       | 7 00       | 5 00                  |
| Loves Grove.....       | 5 00               | 5 00                 | 1 00              | 2 00       | 1 00       | 1 50                  |
| Thumb Swamp.....       | 2 00               | 2 00                 | 1 00              | 1 00       | 1 00       | 1 50                  |
| Peters Creek.....      | 5 00               | 2 00                 | 5 00              | 2 00       | 1 00       | 2 00                  |
| Elizabethtown.....     | 5 00               | 5 00                 | 5 00              | 1 00       | 5 00       | 2 00                  |
| Total.....             | \$188 50           | \$178 00             | \$151 00          | \$ 78 50   | \$ 78 00   | \$ 82 50              |

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

| CHURCHES.     | CHURCHES. |                 |           |                  |           |       |        |          |                   |                 |                      |           |         |              |                       |                 |                |                   |            |            |                   |                |                             |         |
|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|-------|--------|----------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|---------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------|
|               | Baptised. | Rec. by Letter. | Restored. | Dist. by Letter. | Excluded. | Died. | Males. | Females. | Total Membership. | Pastors Salary. | Incidental Expenses. | Repairs.  | Poor.   | Minute Fund. | Association Missions. | State Missions. | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Education. | Orphanage. | Ministers Relief. | Other Objects. | Amt. Total for all Objects. |         |
| Browns Creek  | 1         | 2               | 3         | 9                | 1         | 4     | 24     | 46       | 70                | \$ 90 00        | \$ 9 88              |           |         | \$ 25        | \$ 3 51               | 70              | \$ 1 70        | 3 42              | 2 00       | 1 32       | 2 00              |                | \$ 55 00                    | \$ 6 16 |
| Abbotsburg    | 6         | 4               | 5         | 1                | 1         | 15    | 25     | 34       | 49                | 50 00           |                      |           |         | 30           | 2 41                  | 5 00            | 2 00           | 3 00              | 1 00       | 3 00       | 1 50              |                | 170 91                      |         |
| Brier Branch  | 1         | 6               | 2         | 1                | 1         | 19    | 44     | 80       | 139               | 40 00           | 18 48                |           | 3 95    | 50           | 12 25                 | 2 00            | 3 50           | 2 00              | 1 00       | 1 50       | 1 50              |                | 97 13                       |         |
| Centre Road   | 10        | 4               | 2         | 5                | 1         | 35    | 66     | 101      | 175               | 50 00           | 13 05                |           | 1 02    | 1 50         | 8 51                  | 58 25           | 38 88          | 2 00              | 1 00       | 12 15      | 10 69             |                | 355 50                      |         |
| Galeed        | 36        | 7               | 1         | 1                | 2         | 86    | 139    | 225      | 380               | 53 00           | 5 00                 |           | 6 37    | 3 65         | 8 51                  | 9 07            | 6 00           | 10 81             | 4 00       | 11 22      | 6 50              |                | 292 77                      |         |
| Shady Grove   | 40        | 1               | 1         | 1                | 2         | 40    | 61     | 101      | 65 00             | 35 00           | 10 00                |           | 3 25    | 1 75         | 2 34                  | 10 00           | 4 00           | 5 00              | 2 50       | 8 00       | 5 00              |                | 31 00                       |         |
| Sandy Grove   | 1         | 1               | 1         | 1                | 2         | 29    | 38     | 67       | 125               | 25 00           | 35 00                | 5 00      |         | 40           | 2 03                  | 3 50            | 2 00           | 6 63              | 1 00       | 4 24       | 1 25              |                | 87 53                       |         |
| White Lake    | 1         | 1               | 1         | 1                | 2         | 35    | 35     | 85       | 125               | 50 00           | 10 00                | 50 00     |         | 1 40         | 2 08                  | 5 67            | 2 59           | 3 00              | 1 00       | 4 24       | 1 25              |                | 196 68                      |         |
| Zion Hill     | 2         | 2               | 1         | 1                | 1         | 19    | 34     | 53       | 150               | 30 00           | 31 25                |           |         | 74           | 2 02                  | 2 00            | 1 00           | 25 00             | 1 00       | 11 89      | 5 00              | 11 14          | 260 69                      |         |
| Garland       | 1         | 1               | 1         | 1                | 1         | 91    | 149    | 240      | 300               | 30 00           | 22 95                |           |         | 1 50         | 4 14                  | 25 00           | 6 00           | 10 88             | 5 00       | 5 00       | 5 00              | 4 00           | 250 50                      |         |
| Beards Chapel | 6         | 7               | 2         | 2                | 1         | 63    | 109    | 172      | 32 25             | 32 25           | 71 49                |           |         | 50           | 4 14                  | 25 13           | 6 50           | 10 88             | 5 00       | 5 00       | 5 00              | 4 00           | 250 50                      |         |
| White Oak     | 3         | 7               | 2         | 2                | 1         | 91    | 149    | 240      | 300               | 30 00           | 22 95                |           |         | 50           | 4 14                  | 25 13           | 6 50           | 10 88             | 5 00       | 5 00       | 5 00              | 4 00           | 250 50                      |         |
| Hickory Grove | 6         | 7               | 2         | 2                | 1         | 63    | 109    | 172      | 32 25             | 32 25           | 71 49                |           |         | 50           | 4 14                  | 25 13           | 6 50           | 10 88             | 5 00       | 5 00       | 5 00              | 4 00           | 250 50                      |         |
| Paradise      | 4         | 4               | 1         | 1                | 2         | 24    | 27     | 51       | 82 70             | 50 80           | 45 00                |           |         | 1 00         | 4 14                  | 25 13           | 6 50           | 10 88             | 5 00       | 5 00       | 5 00              | 4 00           | 250 50                      |         |
| Loves Creek   | 5         | 1               | 3         | 1                | 2         | 24    | 27     | 51       | 82 70             | 50 80           | 45 00                |           |         | 50           | 4 14                  | 25 13           | 6 50           | 10 88             | 5 00       | 5 00       | 5 00              | 4 00           | 250 50                      |         |
| Peters Creek  | 5         | 1               | 3         | 1                | 2         | 24    | 27     | 51       | 82 70             | 50 80           | 45 00                |           |         | 50           | 4 14                  | 25 13           | 6 50           | 10 88             | 5 00       | 5 00       | 5 00              | 4 00           | 250 50                      |         |
| Elizabethtown | 5         | 3               | 3         | 2                | 2         | 18    | 42     | 25       | 25                | 50 80           | 45 00                |           |         | 50           | 4 14                  | 25 13           | 6 50           | 10 88             | 5 00       | 5 00       | 5 00              | 4 00           | 250 50                      |         |
| Total         | 83        | 34              | 23        | 38               | 7         | 21    | 598    | 1031     | 1654              | \$1296 00       | \$ 145 56            | \$ 171 49 | \$78 30 | \$15 97      | \$98 76               | \$223 66        | \$81 51        | \$ 184 60         | 60 50      | 65 32      | \$39 94           | \$ 180 31      | \$2585 54                   |         |









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## OFFICERS.

|                                          |                    |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| ELDER R. M. HILBURN, Moderator .....     | Bladenboro, N. C.  |
| F. S. AVERITT, Clerk and Treasurer ..... | Abbottsburg, N. C. |

## ORDAINED MINISTERS.

|                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| BRISSON W. M. ....   | Guyton, N. C.        |
| CLARK, D. J. ....    | Elizabethtown, N. C. |
| CARTER, HENRY .....  | Garland, N. C.       |
| CARTER, A. D. ....   | Garland, N. C.       |
| FREEMAN, A. J. ....  | Bladenboro, N. C.    |
| GREEN, C. M. ....    | Parkersburg, N. C.   |
| HILBURN, D. H. ....  | Bladenboro, N. C.    |
| HILBURN, R. M. ....  | Bladenboro, N. C.    |
| HESTER, S. ....      | Bladenboro, N. C.    |
| HESTER, C. R. ....   | Dublin, N. C.        |
| JOHNSON, D. L. ....  | Downingsville, N. C. |
| MELVIN, W. S. ....   | Parkersburg, N. C.   |
| RODGERS, JAMES ..... | Mints, N. C.         |



## PROCEEDINGS.

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White Oak Church,  
Bladen County, N. C., Nov. 6, 1907.

The Bladen County Baptist Association met in its sixteenth annual session with this church. The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. P. T. Britt, from Acts 5:15. A recess of one hour was then given for refreshments.

The Association was called together by music. Rev. P. T. Britt led in prayer. O. M. Jones, J. T. Averitt and J. N. Kelly were appointed as committee of Finance.

On motion the reading of church letters was dispensed with and the letters turned over to the Finance Committee.

The Association then re-organized by re-electing Elder R. M. Hilburn, Moderator; F. S. Averitt, Clerk and Treasurer.

The officers of White Oak church were appointed a committee on Religious Exercises during the session. Rev. P. T. Britt from the Robeson Association was welcomed to a seat.

### CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.

Brown's Creek—Not represented.

Abbottsburg—R. C. Thompson, J. T. Averitt.

Bethel—J. W. Carroll.

Brier Branch—T. G. Vickers, J. W. McDuffie and A. H. Davis.

Center Road—W. B. Hester, E. N. Pait.

Frenches Creek—Not represented.

Cypress Creek—S. L. Smith, Joab Smith, L. T. Cain.

Galeed—J. N. Kelly, C. W. Deaver, F. S. Averitt.  
 Shady Grove—R. E. F. Cook, J. M. Owen.,  
 Suggs Grove—S. R. Cain, R. H. Edge, E. B. Davis.  
 Sandy Grove—J. W. Hester.  
 White Lake—D. A. Marshburn.  
 Waddells—Not represented.  
 Zion Hill—By letter.  
 St. Joseph—By letter.  
 Garland—Ned Rich.  
 Beards Chapel—C. D. Barnes, J. J. Norris.  
 White Oak—G. W. Register, A. Core, N. A. Layton.  
 Mt. Pleasant—By letter.  
 Hickory Grove—By letter.  
 Paradise—Not represented.  
 Cape Fear—Not represented.  
 Corinth—Not represented.  
 Thumb Swamp—Not represented.  
 Loves Grove—W. M. Monroe.  
 Peters Creek—F. P. Smith.  
 Elizabethtown—D. J. Clark, C. Martin, J. D. Mercer.  
 Providence—Not represented.

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The time has come when a young man or a young woman are at a great disadvantage without a liberal Education. There are a great many preparatory schools in the State that are commendable, and to those that would procure a more thorough education, we would commend to the boys, Wake Forrest College, and to the girls the Baptist University at Raleigh, N. C.

These Colleges have been a great blessing to many young men and women in the past, which have been a blessing to the world. The patronage of these colleges, are greater now than ever before in their history. We would urge our young people to take advantage of the opportunities placed in their reach.

J. T. AVERITT, Committee.

D. J. Clark, P. T. Britt and A. J. Freeman spoke to the report.

For pledges for Education see table.

## REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee would submit the following report: No member of our church should fail to exert their influence in behalf of the Sabbath School. We consider the destiny of the child fixed at an early age. The Sabbath School is a stepping stone to the church.

A. L. TATUM, Committee.

Remarks by P. T. Britt, N. A. Layton, D. J. Clark, C. Martin and F. P. Smith. The Association then adjourned till 10 a. m. to-morrow.

## SECOND DAY.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. A. J. Freeman.

Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

Revs. O. P. Meeks from the South River Association, R. L. Byrd from the Cedar Creek Association, E. B. Craven of the Methodist church, and Brethren, A. J. Bedsole from the Cedar Creek Association and S. H. Averitt of the Thomasville Orphanage was welcomed to seats.

## REPORT ON MINISTERS RELIEF.

This is, or there is, no more worthy cause before this Association than the Ministers Relief for the aged and infirm Ministers and their widows.

Our venerable Bro., Rev. W. S. Melvin is helped from this fund, and we regret, the Board seeing fit to drop our worthy sister Hettie Register the widdow of Rev. J. M. Register. Therefore resolved, that we ask the board to place her name on the books for help, and pay her the back dues. Requesting the clerk to address the corresponding secretary of said board with the contents of this report with the moderators name signed to same.

D. J. CLARK, Committee.

D. J. Clark, O. P. Meeks, F. S. Averitt and A. J. Freeman spoke to the report.

A cash collection was taken for Ministers Relief

amounting to \$4.74.

For pledges for Ministers Relief see table.

#### REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

The subject of intemperance is one that we should give due consideration. Is the temperance question a political question? If so should it be discussed in our Union and Associations? We commend the efforts the Anti-Saloon is making to suppress the sale of whiskey. We favor the laws of the two last sessions of our Legislature with a strict enforcement of the law. We favor at our next Legislature Prohibition for the State.

A. L. TATUM, Committee.

E. B. Craven, S. H. Averitt, R. L. Byrd, D. J. Clark, O. M. Jones and M. Johnson spoke to the report.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the Bladen Association endorse State Prohibition. The Association then adjourned for one hour.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Prayer by Bro. S. H. Averitt.

#### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We cannot estimate the power of good literature among our people. We would commend to the brethren and sisters of the Bladen Association: The Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist, Foreign Mission Journal, Our Home Field, and Charity and Childred as sound and helpful agencies for informing our people upon all lines of our work. We believe it to be the duty of every Baptist, to take at least one of their denominational papers.

F. S. AVERITT, Committee.

F. S. Averitt, O. M. Jones, A. J. Freeman, N. A. Layton and S. H. Averitt spoke to the report. Report adopted.

## REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

According to the annual report of the Orphanage made July 9th, 1907, there were 343 orphans at the Orphanage. The Baptists of North Carolina and the Sunday Schools are directly looked to for its support, and I especially recommend that a collection be taken in each Sunday School once each month, and that the churches increase their pledges for the Orphanage, and that a special collection be taken on Thanksgiving Day for the Orphanage.

We also recommend that every Sunday School in the Association take a club of ten or more copies of Charity and Children in their Sunday Schools.

N. A. LAYTON, Committee.

N. A. Layton and S. H. Averitt spoke to the report. A cash collection was taken for the Orphanage at Thom-  
asville amounting to \$5.98.

For pledges for Orphanage see table.

## REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We are working this year on a basis of \$40,000, including Associational Missions. We have appropriated to the missionaries \$34,000. When to this is added the salaries and expenses of secretary, evangelists, etc., we reach within a few dollars of the \$40,000.

The State Board does not contribute a cent to building church-houses in town or country. There are on roll the names of 151 missionaries, Ninety of these are on country fields and sixty-one on town fields. According to the minutes of last year we find that of the \$30,000 received last year for State Missions, the town churches contributed \$18,702. or nearly two-thirds of the whole.

P. T. BRITT, Committee.

P. T. Britt and R. L. Byrd spoke to the report.

Report adopted.

For pledges for State Missions see table.

Time and place for next meeting: Place, Abbotts-  
burg church, Bladen county, N. C. Time, November  
4th, 1908. R. M. Hilburn to preach the sermon, D. L.  
Johnson alternate.

The Association adjourned till 10 a. m. to-morrow.



### THIRD DAY.

Devotional exercises conducted by S. H. Averitt.  
Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report of our Foreign Mission Board shows contributions to its work during last year amounting to \$315,248.48, against \$283,415.88 the preceding year, and \$247,629.69 two years before; an average annual increase of more than twelve and a half per cent.

There were 2,445 baptisms last year, against 2,231 the previous year. These were the largest contributions in the history of our Foreign Mission effort, and the number of baptisms were greater than ever resulted from our labors in a single year. The success and prosperity of this enterprise, "no less than its pressing needs", warrant and demand a large and steady advance of the amount. .

A. J. FREEMAN, Committee.

A. J. Freeman and M. H. Bullard spoke to the report.  
Report adopted.

For pledges for Foreign Missions see table.

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

A New Testament church has as its principal object the evangelization of the world. Every member of a church is bound in the maintenance of his christian character to do all in his power for the accomplishment of this object. The blood stained cross was perhaps still standing on the brow of Calvary, when the risen Christ the Great Head of the church stood on the summit of Olivet, and said unto His eleven disciples, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth". On these words we have Christ's own program of missions, so Home Missions first in the order of the march. We are to save America to save the world.

Destitution: To tell this would require a volume. Louisiana with 45,399 square miles of territory and 1,500,000 souls, has only 45,000 Baptists; New Orleans, with her 300,000 souls and less than 1,000 Baptist; 16 counties in Louisiana without a Baptist church;

Arkansas with a population of 1,311,564, has only 83,000 Baptist; Missouri with a population of 3,10,666, and only 155,000 Baptist; St. Louis with her 700,000 souls and less than 10,000 Baptist.

These are just some of the destitutions in which the Home Board is working. God has given to the Baptists the key to the situation. Will we use it and be witnesses for God? Now is the day of opportunity.

R. L. BYRD, Committee.

Remarks by A. J. Freeman, S. H. Averitt and M. H. Bullard.

For pledges for Home Missions see table.

Resolved, That we extend our heart-felt thanks to the White Oak church and vicinity for their hospitality during this session of the Bladen Association.

A. J. FREEMAN.

#### CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS.

Robeson—F. S. Averitt.

Cape Fear—Columbus—D. J. Clark.

Wilmington—A. D. Carter.

South River—N. A. Layton.

Eastern—G. W. Register.

Cedar Creek—A. L. Tatum.

Southern Baptist Convention—H. C. Bridger.

Baptist State Convention—A. J. Freeman and A. L. Tatum.

Member of State Board—A. J. Freeman.

#### WRITERS FOR NEXT SESSION.

State Missions—D. H. Hilburn.

Foreign Missions—A. J. Freeman.

Home Missions—N. A. Layton.

Education—A. D. Carter.

Orphanage—A. L. Tatum.

Ministers Relief—F. S. Averitt.

Intemperance—D. M. Melvin.

Sunday Schools—D. A. Marshburn.

Periodicals—O. M. Jones.

Obituaries—A. L. Tatum and S. Hester.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

|                                   |         |          |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Balance Minute Fund . . . . .     | \$ 3 25 |          |
| Minute Fund . . . . .             | 18 10   |          |
| Minute Fund from Unions . . . . . | 5 00    |          |
| State Missions . . . . .          | 40 26   |          |
| Foreign Missions . . . . .        | 38 28   |          |
| Home Missions . . . . .           | 11 19   |          |
| Association Missions . . . . .    | 2 59    |          |
| Education . . . . .               | 14 67   |          |
| Orphanage . . . . .               | 21 92   |          |
| Minister's Relief . . . . .       | 22 59   |          |
|                                   | <hr/>   | \$177 85 |

## DISBURSEMENTS,

|                                        |          |          |
|----------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Printing Minutes . . . . .             | \$ 15 30 |          |
| State Missions . . . . .               | 40 26    |          |
| Foreign Missions . . . . .             | 38 28    |          |
| Home Missions . . . . .                | 11 19    |          |
| Education . . . . .                    | 14 67    |          |
| Orphanage . . . . .                    | 21 92    |          |
| Minister's Relief . . . . .            | 22 59    |          |
| Clerk of Association . . . . .         | 10 00    |          |
| Blank Letters and Postage . . . . .    | 1 05     |          |
| Balance Association Missions . . . . . | 2 59     |          |
|                                        | <hr/>    | \$177 85 |

F. S. AVERITT, Treasurer.

## FINANCE REPORT.

|                                  |          |           |
|----------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Minute Fund . . . . .            | \$ 18 55 |           |
| State Missions . . . . .         | 46 94    |           |
| Home Missions . . . . .          | 19 63    |           |
| Foreign Missions . . . . .       | 40 58    |           |
| Associational Missions . . . . . | 6 63     |           |
| Education . . . . .              | 21 71    |           |
| Orphanage . . . . .              | 24 64    |           |
| Ministers' Relief . . . . .      | 31 72    |           |
| Sunday Schools . . . . .         | 1 00     |           |
|                                  | <hr/>    | \$ 211 40 |

O. M. JONES,  
J. N. KELLY,  
J. T. AVERITT,  
Committee.

On motion, the \$2.59 in the treasury and the \$6.63 in the hand of the Finance Committee for Association Missions be added to the minute fund.

The Finance Committee was instructed to pay over the funds in their hands to the treasurer.

On motion the Clerk have \$10.00 for his services.

A cash collection was taken for the benefit of Centre Road church amounting to \$3.26.

The Association then adjourned with music by the congregation and benediction by the Moderator.

ELDER R. M. HILBURN,

F. S. AVERITT,

Moderator.

Clerk.

#### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Report of Woman's Missionary Society of Galeed church:

|                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |         |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---------|
| Foreign Missions   | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | \$ 6 50 |
| Christmas Offering | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 3 50    |
| Home Missions      | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 10 00   |
| State Missions     | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 12 00   |
| Expense Fund       | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 00    |
|                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | <hr/>   |
|                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | \$33 00 |

MISS S. D. SINGLETARY,

MISS KATIE WHITE,

President.

Secretary.

## MEMORIAL TO ELDER WM. BRUNT.

The subject of this memorial was born in Davie county, July 23rd, 1835. He was an infant when his father died. His mother was born in Davie county; died at White Oak, Bladen county. He died at Garland, Sampson county, February 18th, 1906. He graduated in all the schools of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Greenville, S. C., taking the degree of A. M.

His first pastorate after leaving the Seminary was in Fayetteville, N. C., where he served the First Baptist church from 1870 to 1877. From '77 to '83 he lived at Lillington. In 1883 he moved to Bladen county, where he taught school, and preached in Bladen, Robeson and Sampson counties.

Bro. Brunt was a well prepared preacher. He married Miss Eugene Isadora Shearman. He leaves seven children who are known for their industry and upright lives. He made many friends wherever he went. He was a genial, sweet spirited man and was popular among all deominations of christians. He passed through deep waters, but made the journey safe to the home of the blessed. His sun went down without a cloud. As he came near to death he spoke of dying, and never expressed a doubt or fear. About his last words was an intreaty to his brother minister with him to press on and preach the word. He was at peace with all man kind and stood on the Rock Christ Jesus. I copy a letter from Bro. Brunt; it will express the spirit of the man.

Garland, Sampson county.

Dear Bro. Clark:

I have meditated much about you—have not asked why you hurried away. It was publicly stated by some one that you would not attend the Association. A writer was appointed to fill your place. If hereafter any such coincidence occurs collar me before you feel hurt. It will be an excellent oil that will not brake my bones, but will do me good and I will do thee good. You are one man that I mean never to wrong in any respect. Yours in best good will.

Wm. BRUNT.

"Servant of God well done,  
Rest from thy love employ;  
The battle fought the Victory won,  
Enter thy Masters joy.

D. J. CLARK, Committee.



## MINUTES.

## CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS.

| CHURCHES.           | Pastor Clerks.                      | Pastors.                       |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Brown's Creek-----  | ✓ R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro-----    | W. B. Hester, Elizabethtown,   |
| Abbottsburg-----    | ✓ R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville-----      | J. T. Averitt, Abbottsburg.    |
| Galeed-----         | ✓ I. P. Hedgpeth, Lumberton-----    | T. C. Hilburn, Abbottsburg.    |
| Bethel-----         | ✓ R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville-----      | W. O. Carroll, Richardson.     |
| Center Road-----    | ✓ W. M. Brissson, Dublin-----       | John Chislim, Richardson.      |
| Mt. Pleasant-----   | ✓ M. L. Mints, Buie's Creek-----    | W. C. Melvin, Parkersburg.     |
| Snady Grove-----    | ✓ D. J. Johnson, Downingsville----- | R. E. F. Cook, Clarkton.       |
| Elizabethtown-----  | ✓ O. P. Meeks, Fayetteville-----    | H. B. Register, Elizabethtown. |
| Beard's Chapel----- | ✓ R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro-----    | A. Norris, Garland.            |
| White Oak-----      | ✓ W. S. Ballard, Clarkton-----      | A. L. Tatum, White Oak.        |
| Zion Hill-----      | ✓ R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville-----      | M. Hester, Bladenboro.         |
| Sugg's Grove-----   | ✓ P. T. Britt, Orrum-----           | R. H. Edge, Jerome.            |
| Garland-----        | ✓ P. T. Britt, Orrum-----           | Wiley Cain, Garland.           |
| Brier Branch-----   | ✓ A. D. Carter, Garland-----        | C. L. Long, Downingsville.     |
| Hickory Grove-----  | ✓ R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville-----      | Seth Lewis, Richardson.        |
| Love's Grove-----   | ✓ P. T. Britt, Orrum-----           | L. B. Grimes, Tar Heel.        |
| Sandy Grove-----    | ✓ A. J. Freeman, Bladenboro-----    | A. Z. Davis, Bladenboro.       |
| Peter's Creek-----  | ✓ D. L. Johnson, Downingsville----- | A. Simmons, Roseboro.          |
| Cypress Creek-----  | ✓ D. L. Johnson, Downingsville----- | R. M. Smith, Garland.          |
| St. Joseph-----     | ✓ O. P. Meeks, Fayetteville-----    | W. F. Melvin, Elkton.          |

## PLEDGES.

The following table shows the amounts pledged by the different churches to the various objects during the ensuing year:

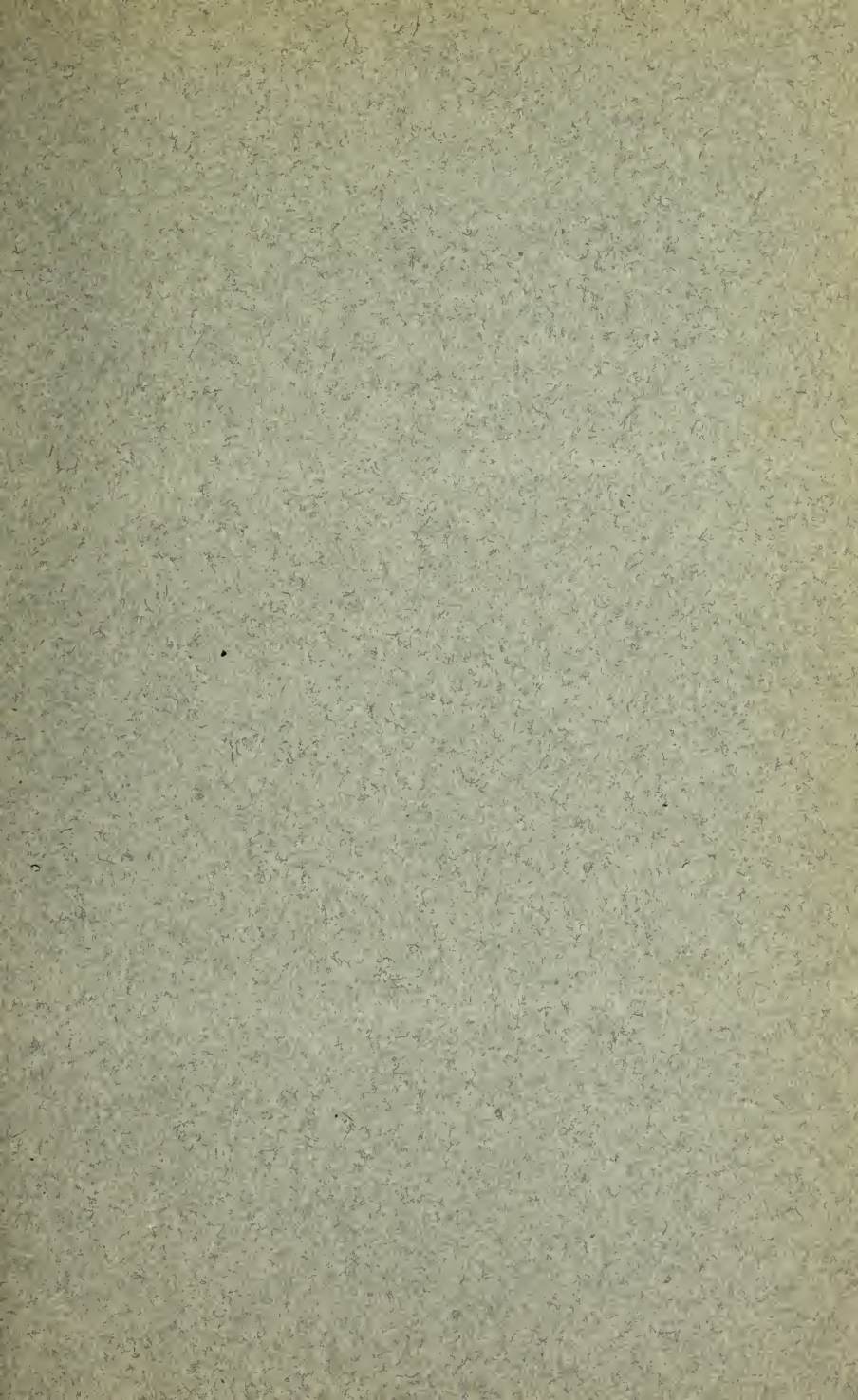
| CHURCHES.          | State<br>Missions. | Foreign<br>Missions. | Home<br>Missions. | Education. | Orphanage. | Ministers'<br>Relief. |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Brown's Creek..... | 1 00               | 1 00                 | 1 00              | 1 00       | 1 00       | 1 00                  |
| Abbottsburg .....  | 8 00               | 10 00                | 4 00              | 2 00       | 4 00       | 2 00                  |
| Bethel .....       | 6 00               | 3 00                 | 3 00              | 2 00       | 2 00       | 2 50                  |
| Brier Branch.....  | 50                 | 2 00                 | 1 00              | 1 00       | 1 00       | 4 00                  |
| Centre Road.....   | 3 00               | 2 50                 | 3 00              | 2 00       | 2 00       | 2 00                  |
| Cypress Creek....  | 3 00               | 2 50                 | 3 00              | 2 00       | 2 00       | 4 00                  |
| Galeed .....       | 60 00              | 85 00                | 55 00             | 32 00      | 20 00      | 18 00                 |
| Shady Grove.....   | 3 00               | 2 00                 | 2 00              | 3 00       | 4 00       | 2 00                  |
| Sugg's Grove.....  | 2 00               | 2 00                 | 10 00             | 2 00       | 2 00       | 3 00                  |
| Sandy Grove.....   | 10 00              | 10 00                | 10 00             | 5 00       | 10 00      | 10 00                 |
| White Lake.....    | 12 00              | 6 00                 | 7 00              | 3 50       | 9 00       | 6 50                  |
| Zion Hill.....     | 5 00               | 5 00                 | 10 00             | 2 00       | 5 00       | 4 00                  |
| Garland .....      | 6 00               | 4 00                 | 7 00              | 2 50       | 5 00       | 3 00                  |
| Beard's Chapel...  | 4 00               | 3 00                 | 5 00              | 2 00       | 2 00       | 3 00                  |
| White Oak.....     | 22 00              | 20 00                | 18 00             | 10 00      | 20 00      | 8 00                  |
| Love's Grove.....  | 5 00               | 3 00                 | 1 00              | 3 00       | 3 00       | 2 00                  |
| Peter's Creek..... | 5 00               | 2 00                 | 5 00              | 2 00       | 1 00       | 2 00                  |
| Elizabethtown ...  | 5 00               | 3 00                 | 3 00              | 1 00       | 5 00       | 2 00                  |
| R. E. F. Cook..... | 3 00               | -----                | -----             | -----      | -----      | -----                 |
| Total.....         | \$168 50           | \$166 00             | \$148 00          | \$78 00    | \$98 00    | \$79 00               |

## SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

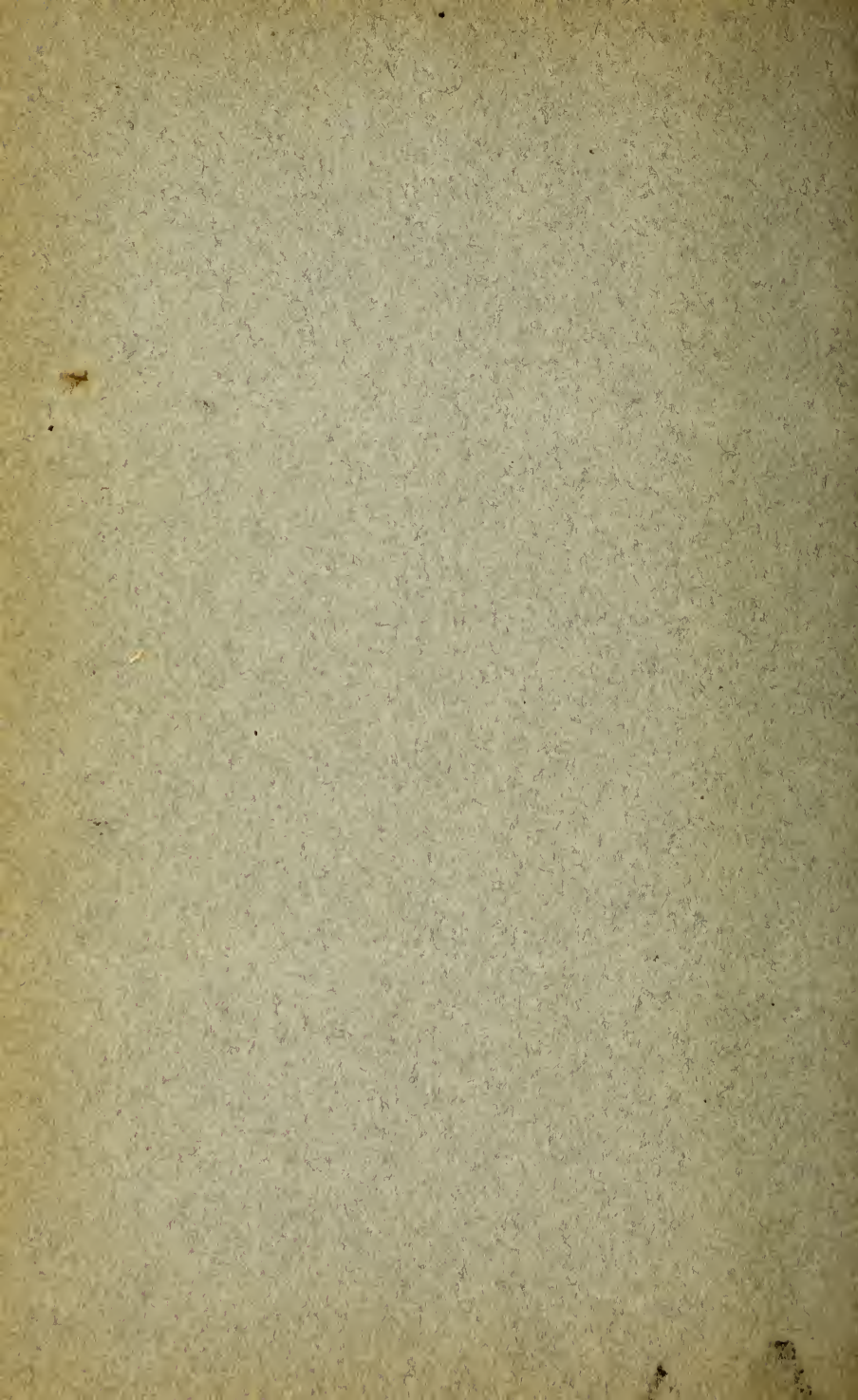
| CHURCHES.           | Officers and Teachers. | No. Scholars. | Contributions by School. | School Expenses. | Quar. and Papers Taken. | SUPERINTENDENTS.                |
|---------------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Abbottsburg .....   | 6                      | 60            | 1744                     | 850              | 96                      | R. B. Buie, Abbottsburg. ✓      |
| Galeed .....        | 8                      | 109           | 3107                     | 1463             | 154                     | F. P. Callehan, Bladenboro. ✓   |
| White Lake .....    | 7                      | 40            | 400                      | 400              | 50                      | R. H. Marshburn, Ham. ✓         |
| Bethel .....        | 5                      | 25            | ---                      | 100              | 35                      | F. Willis, Dublin.              |
| Centre Road .....   | 7                      | 50            | ---                      | 480              | 96                      | W. B. Hester, Richardson. ✓     |
| Mt. Pleasant .....  | 3                      | 60            | ---                      | 500              | ---                     | C. B. Smith, Parkersburg. ✓     |
| Shady Grove .....   | 5                      | 48            | ---                      | 703              | 30                      | J. D. McKeithan, Abbottsburg. ✓ |
| White Oak .....     | ---                    | ---           | ---                      | ---              | ---                     | N. A. Layton, White Oak.        |
| Zion Hill .....     | 3                      | ---           | ---                      | ---              | 24                      | M. Hester, Bladenboro.          |
| Garland .....       | 4                      | 47            | ---                      | 500              | 47                      | E. D. Rich, Garland.            |
| Brier Branch .....  | 4                      | 40            | ---                      | 310              | 12                      | A. K. Downing, Downingsville. ✓ |
| Hickory Grove ..... | 5                      | 49            | ---                      | ---              | 36                      | Seth Lewis, Richardson. ✓       |
| Loves Grove .....   | 14                     | 58            | ---                      | 800              | 46                      | N. B. Singletary, Tar Heel. ✓   |
| Sandy Grove .....   | 7                      | 41            | ---                      | 1000             | 15                      | I. A. Davis, Elizabethtown.     |
| Peter's Creek ..... | 5                      | 51            | ---                      | ---              | 58                      | F. P. Smith, Roseboro. ✓        |
| Cypress Creek ..... | 4                      | 63            | ---                      | 600              | ---                     | W. R. Smith, Garland.           |

STATISTICAL TABLE.

| CHURCHES.      | Baptized. | Rec'd by Letter. | Restored. | Dis. by Letter. | Excluded. | Died. | Males.    | Females. | Total Membership. | Pastor's Salary. | Incidental Expenses. | Repairs. | Poor.    | Minute Fund. | Association Missions. | State Missions. | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Education. | Orphanage. | Minister's Relief. | Other Objects. | Total Amt. for All Objects. |
|----------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-------|-----------|----------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------|------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Abbottsburg    | 4         | 5                | 3         | 14              | 31        | 45    | 80 00     | 25 00    | 50 00             | 85               | ---                  | ---      | ---      | ---          | ---                   | 8 69            | 36 70          | 12 33             | 2 00       | 1 50       | 2 50               | 5 00           | 153 86                      |
| Bethel         | 17        | 6                | 1         | 36              | 58        | 94    | 44 75     | 34 88    | 37 25             | 40               | ---                  | ---      | ---      | ---          | ---                   | 4 00            | 3 00           | 3 00              | 2 00       | 1 25       | 2 50               | 5 00           | 109 63                      |
| Brier Branch   | 10        | 2                | 1         | 13              | 54        | 68    | 50 00     | 37 25    | ---               | 60               | ---                  | ---      | ---      | ---          | ---                   | 31 68           | 4 00           | ---               | ---        | ---        | 2 00               | 14 45          | 135 19                      |
| Centre Road    | 8         | 2                | 3         | 33              | 51        | 84    | 35 00     | ---      | ---               | 50               | ---                  | ---      | ---      | ---          | ---                   | 2 00            | ---            | ---               | 72         | 1 00       | 2 00               | 7 95           | 153 12                      |
| Cypress Creek  | 6         | 1                | 1         | 2               | 30        | 58    | 60 00     | 27 25    | ---               | 160              | 38                   | ---      | ---      | ---          | ---                   | 5 05            | 56 32          | 1 65              | 30 52      | 21 37      | 15 00              | ---            | 539 24                      |
| Galeed         | 1         | 3                | 1         | 3               | 85        | 137   | 222       | 48 54    | ---               | 330              | ---                  | ---      | ---      | ---          | ---                   | 60 00           | 19 58          | 101 15            | 30 52      | 21 37      | 15 00              | ---            | 112 46                      |
| Shady Grove    | 6         | 5                | 2         | 44              | 70        | 114   | 58 00     | 4 00     | ---               | 14 34            | 2 00                 | ---      | ---      | ---          | ---                   | ---             | ---            | 13 00             | 4 00       | 12 44      | 10 00              | 13 03          | 13 00                       |
| Sugg's Grove   | 3         | 3                | 1         | 4               | 37        | 64    | 101       | 66 00    | 13 52             | 70               | ---                  | ---      | 5 00     | ---          | ---                   | 18 60           | 10 00          | 8 16              | 4 00       | 12 44      | 10 00              | 25 34          | 173 66                      |
| Sandy Grove    | 5         | 6                | 3         | 49              | 67        | 116   | 125 00    | ---      | ---               | 100              | ---                  | ---      | ---      | ---          | ---                   | 10 00           | 6 00           | 5 00              | 3 00       | 3 00       | 6 00               | 57 00          | 224 00                      |
| White Lake     | 11        | 4                | 1         | 39              | 42        | 81    | 60 00     | 49 47    | ---               | 90               | 1 00                 | ---      | ---      | ---          | ---                   | 11 25           | 10 00          | 7 74              | 1 78       | 3 36       | 2 50               | ---            | 148 00                      |
| Zion Hill      | 3         | 2                | 1         | 6               | 7         | 13    | 20 00     | ---      | ---               | 100              | ---                  | ---      | ---      | ---          | ---                   | 1 84            | 56             | 2 00              | ---        | ---        | 2 50               | ---            | 24 50                       |
| St. Joseph     | 5         | 1                | 1         | 38              | 45        | 83    | 125 00    | 43 00    | 57 00             | ---              | ---                  | ---      | ---      | ---          | ---                   | 1 64            | ---            | 9 23              | ---        | 1 00       | ---                | 5 00           | ---                         |
| Garland        | 17        | 1                | 1         | 27              | 44        | 71    | 36 51     | ---      | ---               | 50               | 1 00                 | ---      | ---      | ---          | ---                   | 3 00            | ---            | 23 90             | 7 50       | 1 00       | 1 00               | 8 06           | 51 50                       |
| Beard's Chapel | 22        | 1                | 1         | 4               | 91        | 154   | 245       | 18 50    | 46 30             | 250              | ---                  | ---      | ---      | ---          | ---                   | 28 00           | 15 25          | 60                | 18         | 20 00      | 7 50               | 63 43          | 382 88                      |
| White Oak      | 18        | 1                | 1         | 33              | 45        | 78    | 60 00     | 4 00     | ---               | 50               | 25                   | ---      | ---      | ---          | ---                   | 60              | 60             | 30 62             | 2 49       | 18         | 05                 | 5 00           | 71 78                       |
| Mount Pleasant | 8         | 3                | 1         | 7               | 32        | 104   | 166       | 25 74    | 36 35             | 100              | ---                  | ---      | 4 46     | ---          | ---                   | 30 00           | 10 00          | 5 00              | 14 52      | 5 00       | 5 00               | 7 47           | 256 65                      |
| Hickory Grove  | 6         | 4                | 2         | 21              | 31        | 52    | 100 00    | ---      | ---               | 2 00             | 1 00                 | ---      | 2 00     | ---          | ---                   | 5 00            | 1 00           | 5 00              | 2 00       | 8 00       | 1 50               | 51 60          | 177 10                      |
| Love's Grove   | 7         | 1                | 1         | 19              | 48        | 67    | 58 83     | ---      | 50 00             | 70               | ---                  | ---      | ---      | ---          | ---                   | 1 00            | 1 00           | 2 00              | ---        | ---        | ---                | 1 00           | 114 47                      |
| Peter's Creek  | 1         | 2                | ---       | 9               | 10        | 19    | 100 00    | 400 65   | ---               | 50               | ---                  | ---      | ---      | ---          | ---                   | 3 10            | 1 02           | 3 75              | ---        | ---        | ---                | ---            | 508 00                      |
| Elizabethtown  | ---       | ---              | ---       | ---             | ---       | ---   | ---       | ---      | ---               | ---              | ---                  | ---      | ---      | ---          | ---                   | ---             | ---            | ---               | ---        | ---        | ---                | ---            | ---                         |
| Total          | 152 39    | 19 41            | 22 33     | 716             | 1157      | 1873  | \$1494 00 | \$214 25 | \$757 20          | \$53 84          | \$1855 6             | \$225 53 | \$141 69 | \$231 63     | \$54 00               | \$306 90        | \$53 05        | \$264 33          |            |            |                    |                | \$3603 86                   |







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## OFFICERS:

ELDER R. M. HILBURN, Moderator.....Bladenboro, N. C.  
F. S. AVERETT, Clerk and Treasurer.....Abbottsburg, N. C.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

BRISSON, W. M.....Dublin, N. C.  
CLARK, D. J.....Elizabethtown, N. C.  
CARTER, HENRY.....Garland, N. C.  
CARTER, D. A.....Garland, N. C.  
FREEMAN, A. J.....Bladenboro, N. C.  
GREEN, C. M.....Parkersburg, N. C.  
HILBURN, D. H.....Bladenboro, N. C.  
HILBURN, R. M.....Bladenboro, N. C.  
HESTER, S.....Bladenboro, N. C.  
HESTER, C. R.....St. Pauls, N. C.  
JOHNSON, D. L.....Downingsville, N. C.  
MELVIN, W. S.....Mintz, N. C.  
ROGERS, JAMES.....Mintz, N. C.

Bladen County, N. C.

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## PROCEEDINGS.

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Abbottsburg Church, Bladen County, N. C.,  
November 4th, 1908.

The Bladen County Baptist Association met in its seventeenth annual session with this church. The introductory sermon was preached by Livingston Johnson from Phil. 3:10.

A recess of one hour was then given for refreshments. At the expiration of that time the Association re-assembled. Archibald Johnson led in prayer.

T. C. Hilburn and Jas. Pait were appointed as Committee of Finance. The officers of Abbottsburg church were appointed a committee on Religious Exercises during the session. The reading of church letters was omitted, and the letters turned over to the Finance Committee.

The Association then re-organized by selecting Elder R. M. Hilburn, moderator and F. S. Averitt, clerk and treasurer. F. D. McLean and O. M. Jones were appointed a committee to select writers for next session. Livingston Johnson, of the State Board, A. Johnson, of Charity and Children, and O. P. Meeks, from the South River Association, were welcomed to seats.

### CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.

Browns Creek—J. M. Hester.

Abbottsburg—J. T. Thompson, R. C. Thompson, J. T. Averitt.

Bethel—J. R. Pait, A. W. Brisson.

Brier Branch—Mitchell Johnson.

Center Road—Not Represented.

Cypress Creek—By letter.

Galeed—J. W. Callihan, T. C. Hilburn, Chas. Ward.  
 Shady Grove—J. D. McKeithan, J. R. Atkinson, C. F. Thompson.  
 Suggs Grove—Not represented.  
 Sandy Grove—L. T. Hester, A. F. Edwards, G. W. Dove.  
 White Lake—B. C. Barnes.  
 Waddells—Not represented.  
 Zion Hill—Dennis Lennon, D. T. Edwards, A. K. Hester.  
 St. Joseph—Not represented.  
 Garland—E. D. Rich, Fred Rich, N. Carter.  
 Beards Chapel—By letter.  
 White Oak—D. L. Melvin, Geo. F. Johnson.  
 Mt. Pleasant—Not represented.  
 Hickory Grove—D. A. Butler.  
 Paradise—Not represented.  
 Thumb Swamp—Not represented.  
 Loves Grove—W. T. Bedsole, Wm. Monroe.  
 Peters Creek—By letter.  
 Elizabethtown—C. Martin, D. J. Clark, J. D. Mercer.  
 Providence—Not represented.  
 Baptist Center—D. B. Bryan, J. W. Hester, O. M. Jones.  
 Mt. Zion—Not represented.

Bro. Livingston Johnson spoke on the subject of State Missions. For pledges for State Missions see table.

#### REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF.

Those pioneer preachers, who in love for the Lord and the lost, went with great financial loss, and even sacrifice, into the by-ways and hedges, preaching the Gospel and establishing churches, for which they received little compensation. When they are, in the providence of God, overtaken by age and infirmity, it becomes the duty of every Christian to lend the hand of sympathy and help to them in their declining years. Our Ministers' Relief Board is the appointed denominational medium. We would therefore recommend that each church in this Association take at least one collection during this year for Ministers' Relief.

F. S. AVERITT, Committee,

Archie Johnson, R. M. Hilburn, M. Johnson and R. L. Byrd spoke to the report. For pledges for Ministers' Relief see table. Baptist Centre, a newly organized

church, handed in a petition for admission into this Association. On motion the church was duly received. The Mt. Zion church handed in a letter of dismission from the Eastern Association. On motion the church was received to membership in this Association. Rev. L. Johnson to preach at Abbottsburg tonight. Bro. A. J. Freeman to conduct religious exercises tomorrow morning. Adjourned till 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

## SECOND DAY.

Devotional exercises conducted by A. J. Freeman. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

Revs. C. H. Durham and I. P. Hedgpeth, of the Robeson Association, were welcomed to seats.

The Elizabethtown church ask the Association to assist them in paying interest due on their church building. The list of churches called and pledges made for that object as follows:

Browns Creek, \$1.00; Abbottsburg, \$1.00; Brier Branch, \$1.00; Galeed, \$5.00; Shady Grove, \$1.00; Sandy Grove, \$1.00; Zion Hill, 50c; Garland, \$1.00; White Oak, \$2.00; Elizabethtown, \$5.00. J. L. Hall paid \$1.00. Rev. A. H. Porter, from the Columbus Association, was welcomed to a seat.

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Foreign Mission Board in its conduct of our work has been enabled year after year for nine years to make encouraging reports. Each year has been an advance on the other. In 1900 the receipts were one hundred and forty thousand, one hundred and two dollars, and by April 30th, 1907, we passed the four hundred thousand mark by three thousand dollars, and after all this is said, we, as an Association, cannot claim but a very small amount in giving the Gospel to a lost world. Last year we had 1961 members in the Bladen Association, and gave about twelve and one-half cents per mem-

ber for foreign missions. In 1900 the total number of our missionaries, native preachers and helpers was 227. In 1906 this number had been increased to 500.

Additions to our force have been made since that time. The call was made by our Southern Baptist Convention at Richmond for seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars. So our leaders see and feel the need of greater means to advance the cause of Christ in our foreign fields. Let us as an Association do all we can to meet the demand. Our leaders are calling for more men and more money.

A. J. FREEMAN, Com.

A. J. Freeman, A. H. Porter, M. Johnson, R. L. Byrd, O. P. Meeks, C. H. Durham, A. Johnson and D. J. Clark spoke to the report. The churches representing, pledged themselves to try to raise 25 cents per member for foreign missions the ensuing year,

For pledges for foreign missions see table.

The Association then adjourned for one hour.

## EVENING SESSION.

Prayer by Rev. A. H. Porter.

## REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We rejoice to see the increased interest manifested everywhere in education. The crying need of education not only comes to the rich and well-to-do, but has penetrated the darkest corners of poverty and ignorance, and we are becoming enlightened as never before. It seems to your committee that the greatest need today is for better equipped and stronger Baptist institutions of learning.

To this end we are glad that the endowment of Wake Forest College is being increased and we note with pleasure the rise in our State of a good many preparatory schools which we believe is destined to prove a great factor in the development of the Baptist churches of this age. We heartily commend these schools to our people and urge them to support them financially and otherwise. We urge the parents to give even more attention to the training of their children than hitherto.

A. D. CARTER, Committee.



O. P. Meeks and A. H. Porter spoke to the report. For pledges for education see table.

#### REPORT ON THE THOMASVILLE ORPHANAGE.

There are at present 385 children at the Orphanage. The health record has been remarkable for the past year. Two valuable buildings have been added within the year, The Noah Richardson Library, built by Rev. J. B. Richardson, of High Point, and the Infirmary, which is a gift to the Orphanage from the women of our State. These two buildings represent an out-lay of about \$17,000. There are ten families at the Orphanage, each living in its separate home.

The plant, including the invested fund, is valued at \$225,000. The cost of support is \$7.08 for each child a month, or \$85.00 a year. This includes not only the food and clothing, but all the running expenses of the institution, not a dollar comes into the Orphanage treasury from any source except the voluntary offering of Christian hearts. We do not receive and would not have a cent from the public funds of the State.

We recommend and urge a Thanksgiving offering in every church in the bounds of the Bladen Association. We are glad to note a more general observance of this day. Let every church make on that day a generous offering to our Orphanage. We further recommend the giving of one collection in each month to the Orphanage by each of our Sunday schools. This plan has been adopted by more than 500 Baptist Sunday schools in North Carolina, and it has become a great factor in the support of the Orphanage. We recommend that a club of Charity and Children be taken by every Sunday school in this Association. In this way we can keep the Orphanage close to our children.

A. JOHNSON, Committee.

Bro. A. Johnson spoke to the report. For pledges for Orphanage see table.

Rev. J. J. Adams, of Whiteville, was welcomed to a seat.

The subject of Home Missions was discussed by Revs. C. H. Durham and O. P. Meeks. For pledges for Home Missions see table.

Revs. J. J. Adams, O. P. Meeks, I. P. Hedgepeth and A. J. Freeman spoke on the subject of Periodicals.



Rev. J. J. Adams appointed to preach tonight. Association adjourned till 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

### THIRD DAY,

Devotional exercises conducted by T. C. Hilburn.  
Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

Rev. J. J. Adams offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Bladen Association hereby approve the work of the Anti-Saloon League of North Carolina, and hereby obligate to help in every way possible to aid the League in the great work of ridding our State of the liquor traffic.

After remarks by J. J. Admas, A. J. Freeman, D. J. Johnson, R. M. Hilburn and O. M. Jones, the resolution was adopted.

The subject of Sunday schools was discussed by F. D. McLean and J. T. Thompson.

#### TIME AND PLACE FOR NEXT MEETING.

Place, White Lake church, Bladen county, N. C.

Time, November 10th, 1909. Rev. D. L. Johnson to preach the sermon.

On motion the Frenches Creek, Corinth and Cape Fear churches were dropped from the list of churches.

The following resolution was introduced by F. D. McLean and adopted:

Resolved, That we extend our heart-felt thanks to the Abbottsburg church and vicinity for their hospitality during this session of the Bladen Association.

A cash collection of \$2.40 was taken to be added to minute fund.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

|                                    |         |          |
|------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Balance, Association Missions..... | \$ 2 59 |          |
| Minute Fund.....                   | 18 55   |          |
| State Missions.....                | 46 94   |          |
| Home Missions.....                 | 19 63   |          |
| Foreign Missions.....              | 40 58   |          |
| Association Missions.....          | 6 63    |          |
| Education.....                     | 21 71   |          |
| Orphanage.....                     | 24 64   |          |
| Ministers' Relief.....             | 31 72   |          |
| Sunday Schools.....                | 1 00    |          |
| From Union for Minute Fund.....    | 2 00    |          |
|                                    |         | \$215 99 |

## DISBURSEMENTS.

|                           |         |          |
|---------------------------|---------|----------|
| Printing Minutes.....     | \$19 00 |          |
| State Missions.....       | 46 95   |          |
| Home Missions.....        | 19 63   |          |
| Foreign Missions.....     | 40 58   |          |
| Education.....            | 21 71   |          |
| Orphanage.....            | 24 64   |          |
| Ministers' Relief.....    | 31 72   |          |
| Sunday Schools.....       | 1 00    |          |
| Clerk of Association..... | 10 00   |          |
| Express and Postage.....  | 77      |          |
|                           |         | \$215 99 |

F. S. AVERITT,  
Treasurer.

## FINANCE REPORT.

|                          |         |          |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|
| Minute Fund.....         | \$17 06 |          |
| State Missions.....      | 30 50   |          |
| Foreign Missions.....    | 25 37   |          |
| Home Missions.....       | 20 73   |          |
| Education.....           | 7 50    |          |
| Orphanage.....           | 23 49   |          |
| Ministers' Relief.....   | 25 25   |          |
| Associaton Missions..... | 3 00    |          |
|                          |         | \$142 90 |

T. C. HILBURN,  
J. R. PAIT,  
Committee.

## CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS.

Robeson—A. J. Freeman.  
 Cape Fear Columbus—T. C. Hilburn.  
 Wilmington—A. D. Carter.  
 South River—A. L. Tatum.  
 Eastern—F. F. Newton.  
 Cumberland—F. S. Averitt.  
 Southern Baptist Convention—R. M. Hilburn.  
 Baptist State Convention—A. J. Freeman, N. A. Layton.  
 Member of Baptist State Board—A. J. Freeman.

## WRITERS FOR NEXT SESSION.

State Missions—Wm. Brisson.  
 Foreign Missions—D. J. Clark.  
 Home Missions—R. M. Hilburn.  
 Education—D. L. Johnson.  
 Orphanage—T. C. Hilburn.  
 Ministers' Relief—J. T. Averitt.  
 Sunday Schools—A. J. Freeman.  
 Periodicals—A. D. Carter.  
 Intemperance—A. L. Tatum.  
 Obituaries—N. A. Layton.

On motion the finance committee was instructed to pay over the fund in their hand to the treasurer.

On motion the Clerk was paid \$10.00 for his services.

On motion the churches were requested to take a collection for the minute fund and forward same to the clerk.

On motion the treasurer was instructed to pay Rev. A. J. Freeman's way to the State Convention, out of the State Mission funds.

The Association then adjourned.

ELDER R. M. HILBURN,

F. S. AVERITT,  
 Clerk,

Moderator.

NOTE—The churches will please bear in mind that it takes about an average of two cents per member, for the churches that are represented in the Association meetings, to defray the expense of getting out the minutes.

CLERK.

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REPORT OF W. M. S. OF GALEED CHURCH.

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Foreign Missions   | \$ 9 50 |
| State Missions     | 10 00   |
| Home Missions      | 10 00   |
| Christmas Offering | 3 50    |
|                    | <hr/>   |
|                    | \$33 00 |

MRS. B. M. DAVIS,  
Secretary.

MISS S. D. SINCLERY,  
President.

## PLEDGES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

| CHURCHES.      | State<br>Missions | Foreign<br>Missions | Home<br>Missions | Education | Orphanage | Ministers'<br>Relief |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|
| Browns Creek   | \$                | \$ 14 50            | \$               | \$        | \$        | \$ 1 00              |
| Abbottsburg    | 8 00              | 12 00               | 4 00             | 2 00      | 4 00      | 2 00                 |
| Bethel         | 6 00              | 25 00               | 3 00             | 2 00      | 1 50      | 2 50                 |
| Brier Branch   | 50                | 15 25               |                  |           |           | 2 00                 |
| Cypress Creek  |                   | 21 50               |                  |           |           |                      |
| Galeed         | 60 00             | 100 00              | 55 00            | 32 00     | 20 00     | 18 00                |
| Shady Grove    | 3 00              | 30 25               | 2 50             | 2 00      | 3 00      | 2 00                 |
| Sandy Grove    | 6 00              | 24 00               | 6 00             | 5 00      | 6 00      | 6 00                 |
| White Lake     |                   | 30 50               |                  |           |           |                      |
| Zion Hill      | 4 00              | 20 50               |                  |           |           | 2 00                 |
| Garland        | 6 00              | 10 75               | 5 00             | 2 00      | 5 00      | 3 00                 |
| Beards Chapel  |                   | 17 75               |                  |           |           |                      |
| White Oak      | 22 00             | 64 50               | 18 00            | 10 00     | 20 00     | 8 00                 |
| Hickory Grove  | 10 00             | 45 50               | 5 00             | 8 00      | 10 00     | 5 00                 |
| Loves Grove    | 6 00              | 15 00               | 2 00             | 3 00      | 3 00      | 2 00                 |
| Peters Creek   |                   | 17 50               |                  |           |           |                      |
| Elizabethtown  | 5 00              | 4 25                |                  | 2 00      | 2 00      | 1 00                 |
| Baptist Centre |                   | 4 00                |                  |           |           |                      |
| Total          | 136 50            | 472 75              | 100 50           | 68 50     | 74 50     | 54 50                |



## SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

| CHURCHES             | Officers and Teachers | No. Scholars | Contributions by School | School Expenses | Quarterlies and Papers Taken | SUPERINTENDENTS              |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Abbottsburg -----    | 6                     | 35           | \$24 80                 | \$10 00         | 25                           | R. B. Buie, Abbottsburg      |
| Galead -----         | 9                     | 108          | 53 26                   | 21 44           | 133                          | F. D. McLean, Bladenboro     |
| Bethel -----         | 5                     | 25           | 10 00                   | 10 00           | ---                          | D. J. Allen, Dublin          |
| Peters Creek -----   | 5                     | 47           | 2 20                    | 4 30            | 136                          | G. C. Simmons, Roseboro      |
| Zion Hill -----      | 5                     | 60           | 1 40                    | ---             | 50                           | M. Hester, Bladenboro        |
| Cypress Creek -----  | 4                     | 40           | ---                     | ---             | 4                            | W. R. Smith, Garland         |
| Briar Branch -----   | 12                    | 78           | ---                     | ---             | ---                          | C. L. Long, Parkersburg      |
| Sandy Grove -----    | 6                     | 41           | 10 00                   | 6 00            | 39                           | I. A. Davis, Elizabethtown   |
| Loves Grove -----    | 9                     | 71           | 8 98                    | 6 35            | 74                           | N. B. Singletary, Tar Heel   |
| White Lake -----     | 5                     | 45           | 7 70                    | 4 00            | ---                          | J. W. Russ, Ham              |
| Shady Grove -----    | 5                     | 52           | 1 50                    | ---             | ---                          | J. D. McKeithan, Abbottsburg |
| Baptist Centre ----- | 8                     | 30           | ---                     | 3 00            | 100                          | O. M. Jones, Guyton          |
| Garland -----        | 5                     | 69           | ---                     | ---             | 248                          | E. O. Rich, Garland          |
| White Oak -----      | 4                     | 75           | 22 00                   | 7 00            | 75                           | N. A. Layton, White Oak      |

## CHURCHES, CLERKS AND PASTORS.

| CHURCHES             | CLERKS                      | PASTORS                      |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Browns Creek -----   | W. B. Hester, Elizabethtown | R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro    |
| Abbottsburg -----    | J. T. Averitt, Abbottsburg  | R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville      |
| Galead -----         | T. C. Hilburn, Abbottsburg  | I. P. Hedgpeth, Lumberton    |
| Bethel -----         | W. O. Carroll, Dublin       | R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville      |
| Shady Grove -----    | R. E. F. Cook, Clarkton     | D. L. Johnson, Downingsville |
| Elizabethtown -----  | J. D. Mercer, Elizabethtown | O. P. Meeks, Fayetteville    |
| Beards Chapel -----  | A. Norris, Garland          | R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro    |
| White Oak -----      | A. L. Tatum, White Oak      | -----                        |
| Zion Hill -----      | M. Hester, Bladenboro       | R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville      |
| Garland -----        | Wiley Cain, Garland         | O. P. Meeks, Fayetteville    |
| Brier Branch -----   | C. L. Long, Parkersburg     | A. D. Carter, Garland        |
| Hickory Grove -----  | Seth Lewis, Richardson      | -----                        |
| Loves Grove -----    | L. B. Grimes, Tar Heel      | R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville      |
| Sandy Grove -----    | A. Z. Davis, Bladenboro     | D. L. Johnson, Downingsville |
| Peters Creek -----   | Alex Simmons, Roseboro      | R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro    |
| White Lake -----     | D. A. Marshburn, Ham        | J. H. Dobson, Atkinson       |
| Cypress Creek -----  | R. M. Smith, Garland        | D. L. Johnson, Downingsville |
| Baptist Center ----- | Charlie Pait, Guyton        | D. H. Hilburn, Bladenboro    |

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

| CHURCHES       | Baptized. | Rec'd by Letter | Restored | Dis'm'd by Letter | Excluded | Died | Males | Females | Total Membership. | Pastors Salary | Incidental Expenses | Repairs  | Poor    | Minute Fund | Association Missions | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Education | Orphanage | Ministers Relief | Other Objects | Total Amount for all Objects |
|----------------|-----------|-----------------|----------|-------------------|----------|------|-------|---------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------|---------|-------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
|                |           |                 |          |                   |          |      |       |         |                   |                |                     |          |         |             |                      |                |               |                  |           |           |                  |               |                              |
| Browns Creek   | 12        | 2               |          |                   |          |      | 21    | 37      | 58                | \$ 25 00       | \$ 5 00             | \$ 40 00 |         | 25          |                      | \$ 8 49        | \$ 1 61       | \$ 6 21          |           |           |                  |               | \$ 25 25                     |
| Abbottsburg    | 1         | 4               |          |                   | 1        |      | 16    | 32      | 48                | 100 00         |                     |          |         | 70          |                      | 3 00           | 3 00          | 3 00             | 2 00      | 2 00      | 2 00             | 21 29         | 162 06                       |
| Bethel         | 3         | 5               | 2        | 4                 |          |      | 37    | 63      | 100               | 100 00         | 29 85               |          |         | 40          |                      | 50             | 1 00          | 2 00             | 1 00      | 1 00      | 2 27             |               | 88 12                        |
| Brier Branch   |           |                 |          |                   |          |      | 13    | 49      | 62                | 50 00          |                     |          |         | 50          |                      | 3 00           | 3 00          | 2 50             | 2 00      | 2 00      | 4 00             |               | 80 65                        |
| Cypress Creek  | 7         |                 |          |                   | 1        |      | 31    | 55      | 86                | 60 00          |                     |          |         | 65          |                      | 62 55          | 51 25         | 85 00            | 32 00     | 20 00     | 18 00            | 79 91         | 554 67                       |
| Galead         | 16        | 1               | 7        | 2                 | 4        |      | 92    | 132     | 229               | 175 00         | 13 39               | 14 82    | 14 82   | 2 75        |                      | 3 00           | 10 00         | 2 00             | 4 00      | 4 00      | 79 91            |               | 80 65                        |
| Shady Grove    | 10        | 1               |          |                   | 1        |      | 46    | 75      | 121               | 42 50          |                     | 3 62     | 3 62    | 1 25        |                      | 10 00          | 9 14          | 10 00            | 2 00      | 5 17      | 2 00             |               | 70 04                        |
| Sandy Grove    |           |                 | 1        |                   |          |      | 37    | 59      | 96                | 66 00          |                     | 1 00     | 1 00    | 1 00        |                      | 12 00          | 5 35          | 5 00             | 2 25      | 9 00      | 5 00             |               | 106 31                       |
| White Lake     |           |                 |          |                   |          |      | 47    | 75      | 122               | 125 00         |                     |          |         | 1 00        |                      | 5 00           | 6 36          | 5 00             | 2 25      | 9 00      | 5 00             |               | 164 50                       |
| Zion Hill      |           | 1               | 1        |                   |          |      | 40    | 42      | 82                | 75 00          | 11 70               |          |         | 46          |                      | 5 00           | 6 36          | 5 00             | 2 25      | 9 00      | 5 00             |               | 107 09                       |
| Garland        | 14        | 4               |          | 2                 | 1        |      | 43    | 50      | 93                | 120 00         | 1 00                | 50 00    |         | 1 00        |                      | 5 98           | 1 67          | 2 01             | 67        | 2 14      | 1 43             |               | 241 33                       |
| Beards Chapel  | 4         |                 |          | 2                 | 1        |      | 28    | 44      | 72                | 50 00          |                     |          |         | 1 05        |                      | 22 00          | 2 00          | 1 00             | 1 00      | 1 00      | 1 00             | 10 00         | 61 05                        |
| White Oak      | 22        | 2               | 1        | 7                 |          |      | 90    | 168     | 255               | 175 00         |                     |          |         | 1 50        |                      | 18 82          | 2 00          | 14 03            | 20 00     | 20 00     | 5 00             | 47 37         | 284 90                       |
| Hickory Grove  | 21        | 2               | 1        | 5                 | 1        |      | 63    | 119     | 182               | 100 00         | 33 00               | 12 80    |         | 1 05        |                      | 28 00          | 15 05         | 17 65            | 4 50      | 4 50      | 5 00             | 30 00         | 202 87                       |
| Loves Grove    | 4         | 2               |          | 1                 |          |      | 28    | 32      | 60                | 75 00          |                     |          | 4 31    | 1 00        |                      | 5 00           | 1 00          | 6 00             | 3 00      | 3 00      | 2 00             | 30 00         | 126 00                       |
| Peters Creek   | 3         | 2               | 2        |                   |          |      | 21    | 49      | 70                | 37 08          |                     | 100 00   |         | 50          |                      | 2 30           | 1 54          |                  |           |           | 1 17             | 16 16         | 159 06                       |
| Elizabethtown  |           |                 |          | 4                 | 1        |      | 8     | 9       | 17                | 125 00         | 36 50               |          |         | 50          |                      | 1 93           | 1 50          |                  |           |           |                  |               | 160 93                       |
| Baptist Centre |           | 3               | 2        |                   |          |      | 8     | 8       | 16                | 11 50          |                     | 6 13     |         | 50          |                      | 1 90           | 5 02          | 1 55             |           | 79        | 8 75             |               | 36 14                        |
| Total          | 114       | 27              | 14       | 34                | 6        | 16   | 669   | 798     | 1767              | \$1512 08      | \$130 44            | \$208 93 | \$23 75 | \$16 06     | \$300                | \$137 47       | \$118 39      | \$162 95         | \$44 25   | \$75 27   | \$45 87          | \$213 48      | \$2777 66                    |











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The next session to be held with the Zion Hill Church two miles from Bladenboro, Bladen County, N. C. beginning Nov. 9, 1910.

## OFFICERS.

|                                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| ELDER R. M. HILBURN, Moderator     | Bladenboro, N. C.  |
| F. S. AVERITT, Clerk and Treasurer | Abbottsburg, N. C. |

## EXECUTIVE BOARD.

|                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| ELDER R. M. HILBURN, Chairman | Bladenboro, N. C.  |
| F. S. AVERITT, Secretary      | Abbottsburg, N. C. |
| J. N. SINGLETARY              | Bladenboro, N. C.  |
| D. A. MARSHBURN               | Ham, N. C.         |
| E. D. RICH                    | Garland, N. C.     |

## ORDAINED MINISTERS:

|                |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Brisson, W. M. | Dublin, N. C.        |
| Clark, D. J.   | Elizabethtown, N. C. |
| Carter, Henry  | Garland, N. C.       |
| Carter, A. D.  | Garland, N. C.       |
| Freeman, A. J. | Bladenboro, N. C.    |
| Green, C. M.   | Parkersburg, N. C.   |
| Hilburn, D. H. | Bladenboro, N. C.    |
| Hilburn, R. M. | Bladenboro, N. C.    |
| Hester, S.     | Bladenboro, N. C.    |
| Hester, C. R.  | St. Paul, N. C.      |
| Johnson, D. L. | Downingville, N. C.  |
| Melvin, W. S.  | Mintz, N. C.         |
| Rejers, James  | Mintz, N. C.         |



## PROCEEDINGS.

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WHITE LAKE CHURCH,  
November 10th, 1909.

The Bladen County Baptist Association met in its eighteenth annual session with this church. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder O. P. Meeks from Isaiah 3:2-4. A recess of one hour was then given for refreshments. At the expiration of that time the association re-assembled. Elder O. P. Meeks led in prayer. F. F. Newton and W. K. Singletary were appointed Reading Clerks and D. A. Marshburn and F. R. Singletary as Committee of Finance. The officers of White Lake church were appointed a committee on Religious Exercises during the session. The church letters were then called for and read and names of delegates enrolled.

Browns Creek—Not Represented.

Abbottsburg—J. A. Jones, J. T. Thompson.

Bethel—Otis Rich.

Brier Branch—By Letter.

Centre Road—Not Represented.

Cypress Creek—Stephen Peterson.

Galeed—F. R. Singletary, F. S. Averitt.

Shady Grove—R. E. F. Cook.

Suggs Grove—A. A. Edge, J. D. Dew.

Sandy Grove—Not Represented.

White Lake—R. H. Marshburn, W. J. Melvin, D. A. Marshburn.

Waddells—Not Represented.

Zion Hill—By Letter.

St. Joseph—Not Represented.

Thumb Swamp—W. J. Smith.

Garland—Willi. Rich, W. F. Bordaax.

Beards Chapel—George Norris.

White Oak—Charlie Johnson, D. L. Melvin, F. P. Thomas.

Mt. Pleasant—Not Represented.

Hickory Grove—W. C. Hair, W. K. Singletary.

Paradise—Not Represented.

Loves Grove—Not Represented.

Peters Creek—F. P. Smith, G. C. Simmons.

Elizabethtown—C. Martin, J. D. Mercer.

Providence—Not Represented.

Baptist Center—By Letter.

Mt. Zion—F. F. Newton.

The Association then re-organized by electing Elder R. M. Hilburn, moderator, and F. S. Averitt, clerk and treasurer. G. E. Lineberry, secretary of high schools colleges, and A. L. Betts, representing the Biblical Recorder, were welcomed to seats.

#### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It is clearly manifest upon the slightest observation that as the means and facilities for obtaining education are increasing, our people are becoming more and more a reading people, which is a matter of congratulation. But at the same time it should concern us to know what they are reading. There has never been a time when it was more important for our Baptist people to wake up to the responsibility that is upon them in regard to what our people are reading and the duty of placing in their hands and inducing them to read the very best religious papers and books to be had. Baptist people should have Baptist literature. We would therefore recommend to our people the Biblical Recorder, Foreign Mission Journal, Our Home Field and Charity and Children, as sound periodicals, and worthy of their support.

A. D. CARTER, Committee.

A. L. Betts and O. P. Meeks spoke to the report.  
Report adopted.

#### REPORT ON MINISTERS RELIEF.

Our aged and infirm ministers are those who went about here and there, preaching the Gospel of our Lord, preaching in school houses and weak churches for a mere pittance, many of whom are now in needy circumstances. I think it behooves us as Christians

to come to their help in a financial way. We would recommend that the churches of this Association take one or more collections annually for this worthy object.

J. T. AVERITT, Committee.

G. E. Lineberry spoke to the report. Report Adopted. For pledges for Ministers Relief see table.

The Association then adjourned till 10 a. m. tomorrow.

## SECOND DAY.

Devotional exercises conducted by F. F. Newton. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted. On motion the Church Covenant by J. Newton Brown, was ordered to be printed in the minutes.

## REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We claim to be Missionary Baptist and yet we do not always make good this claim as many of our churches and thousands of our members do not contribute to this work. Yet, more and more of our people are giving year by year. Our State Board of Missions is trying to carry the Gospel to all parts of North Carolina. We owe to our people that this be done. There are many things to encourage us in this work. Today 148 consecrated preachers are preaching on our mission fields in North Carolina. Last year over 2000 people were baptised by our State Missionaries, many new churches were organized and new houses built. These mission churches are becoming self-supporting; are strongly missionary in spirit and give liberally to all the objects of our Convention. Our Association ought to go forward in this work for to give to God's cause is to receive bountifully from Him in every way. It ought to be the ideal of every church to contribute to every object and in doing this secure a contribution from every member. Let us do our duty next year by going forward in our contributions to State Missions.

A. L. BETTS,

E. L. MIDDLETON.

E. L. Middleton spoke to the report. A cash collection was then taken for State Missions amounting to \$2.54. For pledges for State Missions see table.

On motion the Association adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved 1st. That we elect annually, beginning with this session, an Executive Board of five brethren, including the Moderator as Chairman, which shall have under advisement the mission work within our bounds and such other plans as may be for the progress of the Master's cause among us. And that said Board as far as possible, shall attend and keep in touch with our local union meetings.

Resolved 2nd. That through this Board we apply directly to the State Mission Board for the appropriation for our mission fields and that all our contributions for this object be under the general head of State Missions and included in our State Mission Collections.

Resolved 3rd. That all pastors serving churches within our bounds be ex-officio members of this body, and are earnestly requested as far as possible, to be present and assist in all its deliberations.

Rev. R. M. Hilburn, F. S. Averitt, D. A. Marshburn, J. N. Singletary and E. D. Rich were appointed as an Executive Board for the Association. The Association then adjourned for one hour.

### EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called together by music. On motion letters of dismission were granted White Oak, Peters Creek and Suggs' Grove churches.

### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Our people are rapidly learning that education is not a luxury but an absolute necessity. This will prepare our children for the short completion of the future and fortify them against the many isms and creeds already infesting our land. The increased intelligence of our people increases the demand upon our ministers to prepare themselves for their great work. We would urge them to secure the advantage of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, as it is in closer touch and sympathy with our Southern life than any other seminary and teaches the Bible in its simplicity and purity. For over seventy-five years Wake Forest College has stood as



a great beacon light to our denomination. No institution in the State excels it in training, and from its walls all these years streams of consecrated manhood have been going forth to bless the State, the nation, and all the world. Meredith College is yet young, but one of the best female colleges in the South, and has no equal in our own State. It is giving the State young women trained and consecrated to lead in public service, but best of all, consecrated home-makers to bless the State. We wish to express our approval of the action taken by our last State Convention in organizing our educational work, and planning to develop a limited number of Baptist High Schools where our children may receive the best training offered in our State under the best christian influences. We are glad that one of these, the Dell School at Delway, Sampson county, is near us. Prof. C. M. Bullard, the principal, is easily one of the best educators in the State, and with able, consecrated teachers, and splendid buildings well equipped, he is doing a great work for our section. Let us stand loyally by our institutions in finance, patronage and influence, and thereby enable them to render the greatest service in advancing our Master's cause.

G. E. LINEBERRY.

G. E. Lineberry spoke to the report. The report adopted. For pledges for education see table.

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It is the duty of the Church to christianize every land, and there is no agency more closely allied to the ministry in accomplishing this great cause than the Sunday School. We find the Sunday School in its own way doing its own work. It reaches a class that could not be reached by the ministry, and reaches the wants that could not be reached any other way. It has gained its place among all christian enterprises and is now regarded as the most important factors in all church work in the upbuilding of the Master's kingdom. It is a recognized fact that the Sunday School is a nursery in which the training begun develops into the broader life of the Church. One of our greatest needs in our Association is a deeper interest in the Sunday School work. Ways and means may be devised to arouse an interest in the Sunday School, but without a consecrated christian earnestness all efforts will be practically fruitless. We recommend that each Sunday School take one collection for Sunday School missions during the year.

A. J. FREEMAN.



E. L. Middleton spoke to the report. Report adopted. On motion W. J. Melvin and F. D. McLean were appointed as a Sunday School Committee for the Association.

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

D. J. CLARK.

O. P. Meeks and A. J. Freeman spoke to the report. For pledges for Foreign Missions see table.

The Association then adjourned till 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

#### THIRD DAY.

Devotional exercises conducted by W. K. Singletary. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

By the Lord's help the Home Mission Board brings to us joyful tidings. The sowing of former years has come to fruitage. On last year there were 40419 additions to the churches through the labor of our missionaries. Home Missions should lie the nearest in every Christians heart. The light that shines the brightest at home, shines the farthest, and as we have ninety million people on the American shore, only twenty million belong to the evangelical churches. Twelve million belong to the Catholic and other sect, leaving fifty-eight million of non-profession. Let us have better systems for collecting, give more and ask the Lord to bless our gifts.

R. M. HILBURN.

O. P. Meeks and S. J. Freeman spoke to the reports. For pledges for Home Missions see table.

## REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

The evils which result from the excessive use of intoxicating liquors, in the way of debased morals, loss of will power, loss of self-control, development of the baser passions of our human nature. The consequent loss of character, loss of reputation, loss of property through neglect, loss of friends, and on many sad occasions loss of life by murder, and rushing men unprepared into eternity.

The occurrence of such evils as are just mentioned are well known to the majority of people of a mature age. So much then for the sad effects of intemperance, and the sad condition of those who are its victims. But where was the starting point of this sad condition that has been reached by the victims of intemperance? We fully believe that in thousands of instances the start has been made, and is still being made by indulgence in the use of the so-called soft drinks and such home-made drinks as cider and grape juice. Those who indulge in such drinks are finally apt to want something stronger. But what about the influence exerted by those who claim to have enough self-control to hold up safely against the deceitful encroachments of the drink appetite. We are honestly and firmly of the opinion that those who are called moderate drinkers, and boast of their self-control, are exerting a worse influence upon the rising generation than those are who sometimes get drunk and come up and confess it. The man who makes grape juice and sells it or gives it to others is aiding the cause of intemperance. The men who ship their grapes off to other places to be made into wine are also aiding the cause of intemperance, and it is strange that they cannot see it in that light. It is time for the churches to take a still more firm and uncompromising stand against everything that either directly or indirectly helps to carry on the cause of intemperance.

J. W. RUSS.

O. P. Meeks, J. T. Thompson, D. J. Clark, Owen Tatom and the Moderator spoke to the report.

Resolved. That we recommend the brethren of this body to allie themselves with, and contribute funds to the Anti-Saloon League for the enforcement of our State prohibition law.

Pledges were taken for the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville. For pledges see table.

Resolved. That we extend our heart-felt thanks to the White Lake church and vicinity for their hospitality during this session of the Association.

## TIME AND PLACE FOR NEXT MEETING.

Place, Zion Hill church, Bladen county, N. C.

Time, November 9th. 1910, Elder O. P. Meeks to preach the sermon.

On motion the treasurer was instructed to pay Rev. A. J. Freeman's way to the State Convention out of the State Mission funds.

The Treasurer and Finance Committee reported and their reports received. On motion the Finance Committee was instructed to pay over the funds in their hands to the treasurer. On motion the Clerk was paid \$10.00 for his services.

Collections were taken during the session for minute fund amounting to \$4.18.

On motion the Association adjourned.

ELDER R. M. HILBURN,

F. S. AVERITT,

Moderator,

Clerk.

WRITERS FOR NEXT SESSION.

State Missions—R. L. Byrd.  
 Foreign Missions—O. P. Meeks.  
 Home Missions—I. P. Hedgpeth.  
 Education—F. D. McLean.  
 Orphanage—F. F. Newton.  
 Minister's Relief—D. A. Marshburn.  
 Sunday Schools—W. J. Melvin.  
 Periodicals—A. J. Freeman.  
 Intemperance—W. K. Singletary.

To Southern Baptist Convention—H. C. Bridger.  
 To Baptist State Convention—J. D. Mercer, W. K. Singletary.  
 Member of Baptist State Board—A. J. Freeman.

REPORT OF W. M. S. OF BLADEN ASSOCIATION.

GALEED SOCIETY.

|                    |                            |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Christmas Offering | \$ 3 40                    |
| Home Missions      | 10 00                      |
| Foreign Missions   | 7 47                       |
| State Missions     | 7 48                       |
|                    | <u>          </u> \$ 28 35 |

MRS. B. M. DAVIS,  
 Secretary.

MISS S. D. SINGLETARY,  
 President.

ZION HILL SOCIETY.

|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| Foreign Missions | \$ 2 25 |
|------------------|---------|

MRS. H. E. SINGLETARY,  
 President.

WHITE OAK SOCIETY.

|                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| State Missions   | \$1 00                    |
| Foreign Missions | 3 90                      |
|                  | <u>          </u> \$ 4 90 |

MRS. A. L. TATOM,  
 Secretary.

MRS. N. A. LAYTON,  
 President.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

|                                     |          |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Minute Fund .....                   | \$ 17 06 |          |
| State Missions .....                | 30 50    |          |
| Foreign Missions .....              | 25 37    |          |
| Home Missions .....                 | 20 73    |          |
| Education .....                     | 7 50     |          |
| Orphanage .....                     | 13 49    |          |
| Ministers' Relief .....             | 25 25    |          |
| Association Missions .....          | 3 00     |          |
| Central Union for Minute Fund ..... | 10 00    |          |
| Bladen Union for Minute Fund .....  | 5 52     |          |
|                                     | <hr/>    | \$158 42 |

## DISBURSEMENTS.

|                                                    |         |          |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| State Missions .....                               | \$22 50 |          |
| Foreign Missions .....                             | 25 37   |          |
| Home Missions .....                                | 20 73   |          |
| Education .....                                    | 7 50    |          |
| Orphanage .....                                    | 13 49   |          |
| Minister's Relief .....                            | 25 25   |          |
| Association Missions .....                         | 3 00    |          |
| Printing Minutes .....                             | 18 00   |          |
| Clerk of Association .....                         | 10 00   |          |
| Rev. A. J. Freeman's way to B. S. Convention ..... | 8 00    |          |
| Postage .....                                      | 33      |          |
|                                                    | <hr/>   | \$158 42 |
| Balance Minute Fund .....                          | 4 25    |          |

F. S. AVERITT,  
Treasurer.

## FINANCE REPORT.

|                         |         |          |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|
| State Missions .....    | \$66 19 |          |
| Foreign Missions .....  | 16 06   |          |
| Home Missions .....     | 5 08    |          |
| Education .....         | 7 60    |          |
| Orphanage .....         | 10 37   |          |
| Minister's Relief ..... | 6 33    |          |
| Sunday Schools .....    | 1 00    |          |
| Minute Fund .....       | 27 28   |          |
|                         | <hr/>   | \$139 91 |

D. A. MARSHBURN,  
F. R. SINGLETARY,  
Committee.



## CHURCH COVENANT.

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BY J. NEWTON BROWN.

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Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort, to promote its prosperity and spirituality, to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrine; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances, to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment, to avoid all tattling, back-biting, excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance, the kingdom of our Savior. We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness and distress, to cultivate christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech, to be slow to take offence, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the will of our Saviour to secure it without delay. We moreover engage, that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and the principles of God's word.

## PLEDGES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

| CHURCHES.           | State<br>Missions. | Foreign<br>Missions | Home<br>Missions. | Education. | Orphanage | Minister's<br>Relief. |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Browns Creek -----  | \$ 5 00            |                     | 2 00              |            | 50        |                       |
| Abbottsburg -----   | 10 00              | 15 00               | 5 00              | 3 00       | 5 00      | 3 00                  |
| Bethel -----        | 4 00               |                     |                   |            |           |                       |
| Brier Branch -----  | 2 00               |                     |                   | 3 00       |           | 1 00                  |
| Cypress Creek ----- | 4 00               |                     |                   |            |           |                       |
| Galeed -----        | 65 00              | 100 00              | 60 00             | 32 00      | 23 00     | 20 00                 |
| Shady Grove -----   | 4 00               | 5 00                | 4 00              | 3 00       | 3 00      | 3 00                  |
| White Lake -----    | 10 00              | 5 00                | 5 00              | 2 50       | 10 00     | 5 00                  |
| Garland -----       | 8 00               | 5 00                |                   | 3 00       |           | 5 00                  |
| Beards Chapel ----- | 8 00               |                     |                   |            |           |                       |
| White Oak -----     | 25 00              | 15 00               | 10 00             | 5 00       | 20 00     | 10 00                 |
| Hickory Grove ----- | 20 00              | 18 00               | 20 00             | 5 00       | 10 00     | 5 00                  |
| Thumb Swamp -----   | 1 00               |                     |                   | 1 00       |           | 1 00                  |
| Elizabethtown ----- | 5 00               | 2 00                | 2 00              | 2 00       |           | 1 00                  |
| Mt. Zion -----      | 5 00               | 2 00                |                   | 2 00       |           | 1 00                  |
| Total -----         | \$176 00           | \$167 00            | \$108 00          | \$61 50    | \$71 50   | \$55 00               |

## CHURCHES PASTORS AND CLERKS.

| CHURCHES.           | PASTORS.                         | CLERKS.                      |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Browns Creek ----   | W. M. Brisson, Dublin-----       | W. B. Hester, Elizabethtown. |
| Abbottsbu rg ----   | R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville-----     | J. T. Averitt, Abbottsbu rg. |
| Bethel-----         | R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville-----     | C. W. King, Dublin.          |
| Galeed -----        | I. P. Hedgpeth, Lumberton-----   | T. C. Hilburn, Abbottsbu rg. |
| Brier Branch-----   |                                  | C. L. Long, Parkersburg.     |
| Beards Chapel-----  | R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro-----   | A. Norris, Garland.          |
| Suggs Grove-----    |                                  | L. M. Dew, Jerome.           |
| Elizabethtown-----  | O. P. Meeks, Fayetteville-----   | J. D. Mercer, Elizabethtown. |
| Thumb Swamp-----    | Henry Carter, Garland-----       | W. J. Smith, White Hall.     |
| Zion Hill-----      | R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville-----     | M. Hester, Bladenboro.       |
| White Lake-----     | R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro-----   | D. A. Marsburn, Ham.         |
| Hickory Grove-----  | A. H. Porter, Whiteville-----    | Seth Lewis, Richardson.      |
| Cypress Creek-----  | W. R. Johnson, Cedar Creek-----  | R. M. Smith, Garland.        |
| White Oak-----      | O. P. Meeks, Fayetteville-----   | A. L. Tatom, White Oak.      |
| Garland-----        | J. M. Gibbs, Fayetteville-----   | Wiley Cain, Garland.         |
| Peters Creek-----   | R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro-----   | Alex Simmons, Roseboro.      |
| Shady Grove-----    | D. L. Johnson, Downingville----- | W. J. Burk, Abbottsbu rg.    |
| Baptist Centre----- |                                  | Chas. Pait, Guyton.          |
| Mt. Zion-----       | A. D. Carter, Garland-----       | Daniel Leonard, Kerr.        |
| Loves Grove-----    | R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville-----     | L. B. Grimes, Tar Heel.      |

## SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

| CHURCHES.           | Officers and Teachers. | No. Scholars. | Contributions by School. | School Expenses | Quarterlies & papers taken. | SUPERINTENDENTS.            |
|---------------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Abbottsbu rg -----  | 6                      | 60            | \$25 19                  | \$10 00         | 100                         | R. B. Buie, Abbottsbu rg.   |
| Galeed -----        | 10                     | 110           | 57 23                    | 25 49           | 179                         | J. M. Frink, Bladenboro.    |
| Brier Branch-----   | 7                      | 50            | 4 30                     | 3 50            | 24                          | C. L. Long, Parkersburg.    |
| Zion Hill-----      | 5                      | 59            | 3 50                     | -----           | 47                          | M. Hester, Bladenboro.      |
| White Lake-----     | 7                      | 50            | -----                    | -----           | 52                          | J. W. Russ, Ham.            |
| Cypress Creek-----  | 6                      | 60            | -----                    | -----           | -----                       | R. M. Smith, Garland.       |
| Bethel-----         | -----                  | -----         | -----                    | -----           | -----                       | D. J. Allen, Dublin.        |
| White Oak-----      | 5                      | 90            | 49 90                    | 8 55            | 30                          | N. A. Layton, White Oak.    |
| Garland-----        | -----                  | -----         | -----                    | -----           | -----                       | E. D. Rich. Garland.        |
| Peters Creek-----   | 6                      | 46            | 6 75                     | -----           | 141                         | F. P. Smith, Roseboro.      |
| Shady Grove-----    | 5                      | 52            | 50                       | -----           | -----                       | W. J. Burke, Abbottsbu rg.  |
| Baptist Centre----- | -----                  | -----         | -----                    | -----           | -----                       | O. M. Jones, Guyton.        |
| Loves Grove-----    | -----                  | -----         | -----                    | -----           | -----                       | N. B. Singletary, Tar Heel. |
| Mt. Zion-----       | 5                      | 30            | 3 10                     | -----           | 22                          | Fred F. Newton, Kerr.       |

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

## CHURCHES

| CHURCHES       | Baptized. | Received by Letter. | Restored. | Dismissed by Letter. | Excluded. | Died. | Males. | Females. | Total Membership. | Pastors Salary. | Incidental Expenses | Building and Repairs | Poor     | Minute Fund | Association Missions | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Education | Orphanage | Ministers' Relief | Other Objects | Total Amount for all Objects |
|----------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|-------|--------|----------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------|-------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Abbottsburg    | 20        | 1                   | 1         | 1                    | 2         |       | 26     | 42       | 68                | \$ 100 00       | \$ 12 00            | \$                   | \$       | \$ 1 50     | \$ 8 00              | \$ 4 00        | \$ 10 84      | \$ 1 65          | \$ 2 00   | \$ 1 43   | \$ 12 84          | \$ 138 49     |                              |
| Bethel         |           |                     |           |                      |           |       | 37     | 63       | 100               | 100 00          |                     | 7 00                 | 5 00     | 93          | 8 17                 | 10 23          | 2 03          | 4 98             | 4 59      |           |                   | 143 77        |                              |
| Brier Branch   |           | 1                   | 1         | 1                    |           |       | 13     | 49       | 62                | 50 00           |                     |                      |          | 1 00        | 2 00                 | 22 76          | 2 00          | 2 00             | 3 06      | 1 43      |                   | 96 25         |                              |
| Cypress Creek  | 6         | 3                   | 1         | 1                    |           |       | 38     | 52       | 90                | 85 00           |                     | 250 00               |          | 1 47        | 67                   | 1 00           | 2 23          | 1 00             | 2 00      | 3 12      | 1 00              | 345 84        |                              |
| Galead         | 9         | 2                   | 1         | 8                    |           |       | 95     | 131      | 226               | 175 00          | 16 00               |                      |          | 7 00        | 5 61                 | 60 52          | 60 80         | 100 00           | 32 00     | 23 00     | 18 12             | 556 67        |                              |
| Shady Grove    | 2         |                     | 4         | 2                    |           |       | 47     | 78       | 125               | 67 66           |                     |                      |          | 1 05        | 3 00                 | 3 50           | 3 50          | 7 00             | 3 00      | 3 00      | 2 00              | 7 40          |                              |
| Suggs Grove    |           |                     |           |                      |           |       |        |          | 85                |                 |                     |                      |          |             |                      |                |               |                  |           |           |                   | 88 80         |                              |
| White Lake     |           |                     |           | 5                    | 1         |       | 41     | 73       | 114               | 125 00          |                     |                      |          | 1 16        |                      | 8 00           | 1 00          | 5 00             | 8 00      | 1 00      | 1 00              | 149 00        |                              |
| Zion Hill      | 2         | 3                   | 4         | 1                    |           |       | 41     | 40       | 81                | 75 00           | 19 00               | 32 94                | 1 25     | 56          | 1 50                 | 7 74           | 6 16          | 12 21            | 1 59      | 3 05      |                   | 157 95        |                              |
| Garland        | 4         | 4                   | 2         |                      |           |       | 46     | 59       | 105               | 120 00          | 50 00               |                      |          |             |                      | 5 53           | 2 19          | 2 00             |           |           |                   | 182 77        |                              |
| Beards Chapel  |           |                     |           | 5                    |           |       | 39     | 44       | 74                | 60 00           |                     | 50 00                |          | 1 25        | 4 00                 | 2 00           | 8 10          | 9 62             | 2 61      | 1 00      | 1 00              | 12 10         |                              |
| White Oak      | 9         | 5                   | 5         | 2                    | 3         |       | 89     | 157      | 246               | 200 00          |                     |                      |          | 2 46        |                      | 37 37          | 17 52         | 15 51            | 19 42     | 10 74     | 3 79              | 47 73         |                              |
| Hickory Grove  | 2         | 1                   | 2         |                      | 1         |       | 67     | 121      | 188               | 100 00          |                     |                      |          |             | 4 39                 | 19 79          | 1 00          | 1 00             |           |           |                   | 236 09        |                              |
| Thumb Swamp    |           |                     |           |                      |           |       |        |          |                   |                 |                     |                      |          |             |                      |                | 1 00          | 1 00             |           |           |                   | 2 00          |                              |
| Peters Creek   |           | 2                   | 1         | 1                    | 2         |       | 18     | 50       | 68                | 50 87           |                     | 50 00                |          | 1 25        |                      | 4 10           | 68            | 2 07             | 1 22      | 1 90      |                   | 112 09        |                              |
| Elizabethtown  |           |                     |           |                      |           |       | 8      | 9        | 17                | 125 00          |                     | 47 50                |          | 50          |                      | 6 72           |               | 1 40             | 1 00      |           | 2 36              | 185 98        |                              |
| Baptist Center |           |                     |           | 1                    |           |       | 8      | 7        | 15                | 20 00           | 3 00                |                      |          | 55          |                      | 2 35           | 2 55          | 1 07             | 1 01      | 1 72      | 7 85              | 37 55         |                              |
| Mt. Zion       |           |                     |           |                      |           |       | 12     | 12       | 24                | 36 00           |                     | 126 00               | 2 00     | 1 38        | 3 00                 |                |               |                  |           |           | 1 38              | 178 45        |                              |
| Total          | 55        | 17                  | 12        | 31                   | 12        | 11    | 610    | 988      | 1598              | 13767 73        | \$ 100 00           | \$ 563 44            | \$ 18 25 | \$ 22 08    | \$ 29 34             | \$ 199 11      | \$ 111 76     | \$ 175 70        | \$ 39 61  | \$ 885 95 | \$ 833 96         | \$ 216 63     | \$ 3670 30                   |

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beginning November 8th, 1911. Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth to preach the sermon.

## OFFICERS.

|                                          |                    |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| ELDER R. M. HILBURN, Moderator .....     | Bladenboro, N. C.  |
| F. S. AVERITT, Clerk and Treasurer ..... | Abbottsburg, N. C. |

## EXECUTIVE BOARD.

|                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| ELDER R. M. HILBURN, Chairman ..... | Bladenboro, N. C.  |
| F. S. AVERITT, Secretary, .....     | Abbottsburg, N. C. |
| J. N. SINGLETARY .....              | Bladenboro, N. C.  |
| D. A. MARSHBURN .....               | Ham, N. C.         |
| E. D. RICH .....                    | Garland, N. C.     |
| D. M. MELVIN .....                  | White Oak, N. C.   |

## ORDAINED MINISTERS.

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Brisson, W. M. .... | Dublin, N. C.        |
| Clark, D. J. ....   | Elizabethtown, N. C. |
| Carter, A. D. ....  | Garland, N. C.       |
| Carter, Henry ..... | Garland, N. C.       |
| Freeman, A. J. .... | Abbottsburg, N. C.   |
| Green, C. M. ....   | Parkersburg, N. C.   |
| Hilburn, D. H. .... | Bladenboro, N. C.    |
| Hilburn, R. M. .... | Bladenboro, N. C.    |
| Hester. S. ....     | Bladenboro, N. C.    |
| Hester, C. R. ....  | St. Paul, N. C.      |
| Johnson, D. L. .... | Downingville, N. C.  |
| Melvin, W. S. ....  | Mintz, N. C.         |
| Rogers, James ..... | Mintz, N. C.         |

## PROCEEDINGS.

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Zion Hill Church, November 9th, 1910.

The Bladen County Baptist Association met in its nineteenth annual session with this church. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. A. L. Betts from 1 Cor. 3:9.

A recess of one hour was then given. At the expiration of that time the Association re-assembled. Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth led in prayer, W. K. Singletary and A. Z. Davis were appointed Reading Clerks and O. M. Jones and D. Buttler as Committe on Finance. The officers of Zion Hill Church were appointed a committee on religious exercises during the session.

The church letters were then called for and read and names of delegates enrolled.

Browns Creek--N. K. Gooden, Roy Hayes.

Abbottsburg--R. E. Thompson, J. A. Jones, J. T. Thompson.

Bethel--Otis Rich, J. R. Pait, N. D. Dowlass.

River Branch--By letter.

Center Road--J. O. Evers, Chas. Pait, M. C. Kinlaw.

Cypress Creek--By letter.

Galeaed--A. J. Kelly, J. W. Callahan, T. C. Hilburn.

Shady Grove--Lonnie Thompson.

Sandy Grove--L. T. Hester, A. Z. Davis, W. O. Guyton.

White Pond--M. Lewis, W. J. Melvin, J. W. Marshburn.

Waddells--Not represented.

Zion Hill--F. F. Hilburn, W. B. Hester, M. Hester.

St. Joseph--Not represented.

Thumb Swamp--Not represented.

Garland--By letter.

Beard's Chapel--by letter.

White Oak--D. M. Melvin, C. F. Thomas.

Mt. Pleasant—Not represented.

Hickory Grove—D. A. Butler, J. H. Rising, L. P. Singletary.

Paradise—Not represented.

Loves Grove—W. M. Monroe.

Elizabethtown—By letter.

Providence—Not represented.

Baptist Centre—Not represented.

Mt. Zion—By letter.

The Association then re-organized by electing Elder R. M. Hilburn, Moderator and F. S. Averitt, Clerk and Treasurer. Rev. A. L. Betts, representing the Biblical Recorder, M. L. Kesler, representing the Thomasville Orphanage, Prof. C. M. Beach, of the Dill School, and Revs. J. M. Fleming and I. P. Hedgpeth of the Robeson Association were welcomed to seats.

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Our people are aroused as never before on the subject of Missions. Never in the history of State Missions have we had greater cause for praise and thanksgiving than we have today. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad". With the progress of civilization God is opening the doors of the nations to the Gospel. In this we rejoice, but we must remember that the bed-rock of all mission work is State Missions. Many of our best churches were once State Mission points. Our greatest investments have been in State Missions. Our people are responsible as no other people for the evangelization of North Carolina. We number almost as many as all other denominations combined. The Missionaries under the State Board have gone into the highways and hedges and into the streets and lanes of the city and invited the lost to the gospel feast, and they have responded. So in the language of one of old: "Let us go up and possess the land for we are well able to take it." May this be the watchword from every pulpit in the Bladen Association.

R. L. BYRD.

R. L. Byrd, M. L. Kesler and J. M. Fleming spoke to the report. For pledges for State Missions see table.



The White Oak church having failed to use the letter of dismission granted them at the last session, ask to be retained as a member of this body. On motion their request was granted.

On motion the Association adjourned till 9.30 A. M. tomorrow.

## SECOND DAY.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. R. L. Byrd.  
Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The Biblical Recorder is our trusted leader in every good word and work and it has never betrayed its trust. It has sounded many a warning that saved us as a Baptist people from danger. It has stirred us to do greater work for the Lord than we would have done. We ask each pastor to do all they can to place the Recorder in the homes of our people. We ask all of the members to take and read the Foreign Mission Journal and other good helps.

A. J. FREEMAN.

A. L. Betts and A. J. Freeman spoke to the report.

### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

After His resurrection and before His Ascension our Lord announced His programme of missions, viz: All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth. Go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel to every creature, and lo I am with you, even to the end of the age. The command was to begin at Jerusalem. So the command included those who were lost in the home land as well as those far away. Peter and John healed the lame man at the gate of the Temple. The lame man of today sits at the gate of every church, it is our duty to interpret the Gospel, both by precept and example to our own people who are starving for the bread of life. Out of 90,000,000 in the United States there are only about 20,000,000 mem-

bers of evangelical denominations, and still we call this Christian America. Are we not neglecting our Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria? If we give the Gospel to the home land we will give it in a larger measure to the uttermost parts of the earth, because millions of foreigners have come and are coming to our borders. The Home Mission Board includes Cuba. The Indians, Negroes, and the destitution in large cities of the South where a great number of foreigners have come to our shores, also the establishing of schools in destitute places in the South and West. The fact that one million of foreigners are coming to our shores every year is sufficient to warrant the wisdom of Home Missions, and many of these people come with no religion at all, or if they have any it is inefficient to save them. It is for us to say whether they shall have the opportunity to be saved or lost. Last year the board reported 57,426 baptisms and 52,910 additions to the church through the labors of missionaries, supported wholly or in part by it. No Home Mission board in America, so far as statistics show, has had results one third as large, though some have spent four times as much money. This year this Board is asking for \$400,000. Last year it raised 4329,000. We recommend the home field and that people send to the home board for tracts bearing on this work.

J. P. HEDGPETH.

Brother Hedgpeth spoke to the report. For pledges for Home Missions see table.

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Our people are coming more and more to see the importance of united denominational effort in the field of general education. As loyal citizens we rejoice to see the State recognizing and striving to meet her obligations to give elementary education to every boy and girl in her borders. These efforts should receive the loyal support of all good citizens, yet we find a vast field in the educational world that the State cannot occupy.

The duty of training our boys and girls for broad influence and efficient services is upon us, and we cannot if we would evade this responsibility. The leaders who are to enter the open doors of opportunity in the future; the men and women who are to push to finish the success of the evangelization of the world; those who are to guide their people at home to higher Christian living and fuller Christian service must be trained in our own Baptist schools.

For higher education we most heartily recommend Wake Forest and Meredith colleges, with our prayers, our patronage and our means, lets make them get more powerful for good, also for ministerial education we would recommend our own Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. We heartily commend the effort to raise \$150,000 to endow Meredith College and urge the brethren of this Association to aid in this noble endeavor.

The alarm recently felt for the success and even the existence of our Baptist secondary schools is rapidly passing away. This phase of our denominational work is in better condition than ever before. Our schools have better equipment and largely increased enrollment for the present session. We are glad to report that the present session of your own school at Delway is by far the best in its history. The present enrollment is forty-four more than the total enrollment last year, representing twelve counties in this State and two other States. The general character of the student body and the work being done are more satisfactory than in any former session. We have secured subscriptions from churches and individuals sufficient to finish the building. These are payable between October 1st and April 1st. The payment of these subscriptions insures the payment of all existing indebtedness by the trustees. May we not urge that the brethren and churches meet these obligations faithfully and promptly. Recognizing that in all denominational work the pastor holds the key to the situation. We solicit the continued support and cooperation of the pastors in the collection of these subscriptions and in securing the best class of patronage. We recognize God's hand in all the history of the school, we feel that it is His work. Following His guidance let us make the school a more powerful influence for good in His Kingdom.

C. M. BEACH.

Prof. C. M. Beach and Dr. R. T. Vann spoke to the report. For pledges for education see table. The Association adjourned for one hour.

### EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called together by music. Rev, R. L. Byrd offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Whereas it is rumored that that there is a movement to issue bonds for State institutions for higher education,

and whereas it would prove detrimental to our denominational schools and colleges,

Resolved, that we, the members of the Bladen Association now in session, composing 1598 members, put ourselves on record as being opposed to such bonds, and ask our representative to oppose them.

#### REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

Twenty-five years ago, the 11th of this month, the first child was received in the Thomasville Baptist orphanage, since that time more than twelve hundreden have found shelter within its walls. There are 385 children in the institution at the present time. The plant consists of 450 acres of land, ten buildings as homes for the children, school building, infirmary for the sick, general dining room, general sewing building, steam laundry, printing office, shoe shop, barns and other out-buildings. The new industrial building is about ready for the roof. The school consists of nine grades. The children work half the day and go to school the other half. By this means they are given an all round practical education. The moral and spiritual features are not neglected. The past year has been one of the best in the history of the orphanage. We came to the annual meeting without debt, but during the summer months we have fallen behind about four thousand dollars. We recommend the following: First, that a collection be taken once a month in every Sunday school. Second. That a club of Charity and Children be taken in every Sunday school, if possible, in clubs of ten or more to one address, 60 cents a copy, single copy \$1.00. Third. That a Thanksgiving collection be taken in every church, and suggest that where it is impossible to meet on Thanksgiving day the Sunday service nearest to it be used for that purpose.

M. L. KESLER,

For Committee.

Brother Kelser spoke to the report. For pledges for orphanage see table.

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

At your request, I present the following report of our work among the nations far off across the seas. This work is commanded by our Lord, who had all power given unto Him who has appointed am-

bassadors of His kingdom to all the kingdoms of this earth bearing conditions of peace and commands them to make peace lest they perish from the way. It is ours to obey and go or perish. It is theirs to believe and be saved, or object and be destroyed from among the people. The Lord has said "go" and He calls for men and not money. He has not said give but "go ye". Who of the Bladen Association will hear this command—"go ye."

Facts as to the years work as reported to the Convention of 1909: There was 247 Missionaries, 400 native helpers, making a total of 647 workers. There were 259 churches, 559 out stations with 162 houses of worship and 16,596 members, 325 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 10,430 scholars. The reports for the year showed 2,905 baptisms.

North Carolina gave \$40,287.00. There have been recently appointed 31 other missionaries. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to cause us to give ourselves and our means to support this army of workers, and to make them victorious.

J. J. ADAMS.

J. J. Adams, O. P. Meeks and A. J. Freeman spoke to the report. For pledges for Foreign Missions see table.

The Association then adjourned till 9.30 a. m. to-morrow.

### THIRD DAY.

Devotional exercises conducted by T. C. Hilburn. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

#### REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF.

God has commanded His Ministers to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Many have made great sacrifices to obey this command, and being disabled by old age and affliction, are dependent upon others for support. And as they have ministered unto us in spiritual things, we should minister unto them of our carnal things.

D. M. MELVIN.

D. M. Melvin, F. S. Averitt, D. H. Hilburn, L. P. Singletary and T. C. Hilburn spoke to the report.

For pledges for Ministers Relief see table.



## REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School is the strong arm of the church therefore it ought to receive the hearty support and co-operation of the entire church.

I. F. HILBURN.

I. F. Hilburn, T. C. Hilburn and D. L. Johnson spoke to the report. Report adopted.

On motion, the next session of the Association be held with White Oak Church, Bladen County, N. C., commencing on November 8th, 1911, Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth to preach introductory sermon.

## REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

Your Committee begs to submit report as to beverage. We have learned to have the greatest antipathy, when we see the effects. We see no character building in drink but all to destroy the best there is in mankind. It is a great enemy to morals and the religion of Jesus, as well as the destruction of virtues. Most of all the souls of men have been destroyed by it.

W. K. SINGLETARY.

D. H. Hilburn and L. P. Singletary spoke to the report. Report adopted.

*Resolved*, that we extend our heart-felt thanks to the Zion Hill church and vicinity for their hospitality during this session of the Association.

The Treasurer and Finance Committee reported and their reports received.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay Rev. A. J. Freeman's way to the Baptist State Convention out of the State Mission funds.

On motion, the the Clerk was allowed \$10.00 for his services.

On motion, D. M. Melvin was made a member of the Executive Committee of this Association.

A cash collection of \$2.57 was taken to be added to the minute fund.

On motion, the Association adjourned.

ELDER R. M. HILBURN,

F. S. AVERITT,

Moderator.

Clerk.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

## Receipts

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Balance minute fund ..... | \$ 4 25   |
| State Missions .....      | 66 19     |
| Foreign Missions .....    | 16 06     |
| Home Missions .....       | 5 08      |
| Education .....           | 7 60      |
| Orphanage .....           | 10 37     |
| Minister's Relief .....   | 6 33      |
| Sunday Schools .....      | 1 00      |
| Minute Fund .....         | 27 28     |
|                           | <hr/>     |
|                           | \$ 144 18 |

## Disbursements

|                                                 |           |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| State Missions .....                            | \$ 60 94  |
| Foreign Missions .....                          | 16 06     |
| Home Missions .....                             | 5 08      |
| Education .....                                 | 7 60      |
| Orphanage .....                                 | 10 37     |
| Ministers' Relief .....                         | 6 33      |
| Sunday Schools .....                            | 1 00      |
| Printing Minutes .....                          | 19 00     |
| Express on Minutes .....                        | 30        |
| Clerk of Association .....                      | 10 00     |
| Rev. A. J. Freeman's way B. S. Convention ..... | 5 25      |
| Balance Minute Fund .....                       | 2 28      |
|                                                 | <hr/>     |
|                                                 | \$ 144 18 |

F. S. AVERITT, Treasurer.

## FINANCE REPORT.

|                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| State Missions .....       | \$ 35 00       |
| Home Missions .....        | 13 75          |
| Education .....            | 2 00           |
| Orphanage .....            | 12 64          |
| Minister's Relief .....    | 13 10          |
| Association Missions ..... | 1 54           |
| Minute Fund .....          | 24 82          |
| Total                      | <hr/> \$102 85 |

O. M. JONES  
D. A. BUTLER,  
Committee.

## REPORTS OF W. M. S. OF BLADEN ASSOCIATION.

## Galead Society.

|                          |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Home Missions .....      | \$ 16 55       |
| Christmas Offering ..... | 2 45           |
| State Missions .....     | 6 00           |
| Education .....          | 5 00           |
|                          | <hr/> \$ 30 00 |

Mrs. B. M. Davis, Secretary.

Mrs. F. P. Callihan, Pres.

## Abbottsburg Society.

|                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Home Missions .....    | \$ 2 94       |
| Foreign Missions ..... | 2 65          |
|                        | <hr/> \$ 5 59 |

Miss Edith Smith, Secretary.

Mrs. J. T. Averitt, President.

## White Oak Society.

|                        |                |
|------------------------|----------------|
| State Missions .....   | \$ 5 27        |
| Home Missions .....    | 2 40           |
| Foreign Missions ..... | 3 85           |
| Other objects .....    | 40             |
|                        | <hr/> \$ 11 92 |

Mrs. Maggie Layton, President.

## Zion Hill Society.

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Foreign Missions ..... | \$ 1 47 |
|------------------------|---------|

Mrs. H. E. Singletary, President.

## WRITERS FOR NEXT SESSION.

State Missions—Walter Singletary.

Foreign Missions—N. A. Layton.

Home Missions—D. J. Clark.

Education—F. S. Averitt.

Orphanage—J. T. Averitt.

Ministers' Relief—R. L. Byrd.

Periodicals—I. P. Hedgpeth.

Sunday Schools—T. C. Hilburn.

Intemperance—A. D. Carter.

To Southern Baptist Convention—J. R. Pait.

To Baptist State Convention—D. M. Melvin.

Member of Baptist State Board—A. J. Freeman.

## PLEDGES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

| CHURCHES:          | State<br>Missions | Foreign<br>Missions. | Home<br>Missions | Education | Orphanage | Ministers'<br>Relief |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|
| Abbottsburg -----  | \$13 00           | \$ 15 00             | \$ 7 00          | ----      | \$ 7 00   | \$ 5 00              |
| Bethel -----       | 10 00             | 15 00                | 6 00             | \$ 5 00   | 10 00     | ----                 |
| Centre Road -----  | 6 00              | ----                 | ----             | ----      | ----      | ----                 |
| Galeed -----       | 70 00             | 125 00               | 60 00            | 35 00     | 25 00     | 25 00                |
| Shady Grove -----  | 10 00             | 12 00                | 10 00            | 7 00      | 5 00      | 9 00                 |
| Sandy Grove -----  | 8 00              | 10 00                | 10 00            | ----      | 5 00      | 7 00                 |
| White Lake -----   | 10 00             | 5 00                 | 6 00             | 4 00      | 12 00     | 5 00                 |
| Zion Hill -----    | 15 00             | 7 00                 | 10 00            | 2 50      | 5 00      | 5 00                 |
| White Oak -----    | 30 00             | 15 00                | 10 00            | 10 00     | 25 00     | 15 00                |
| Hickory Grove ---  | 25 00             | 25 00                | 25 00            | 4 00      | 3 00      | 10 00                |
| Loves Grove -----  | 18 00             | 10 00                | 10 00            | 3 00      | 10 00     | ----                 |
| Elizabethtown ---- | 5 00              | 2 50                 | 3 00             | 2 50      | 5 00      | ----                 |
| Total -----        | \$220 00          | 241 50               | 157 00           | 73 00     | 112 00    | 81 00                |

# CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS.

| Churches       | Pastors                      | Clerks                       |
|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Browns Creek   | A. J. Freeman, Bladenboro    | W. B. Hester, Elizabethtown. |
| Abbottsburg    | R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville      | R. E. Thompson, Abbottsburg. |
| Bethel         | R. L. Byrd                   | C. W. King, Dublin.          |
| Brier Branch   |                              |                              |
| Centre Road    | D. L. Johnson, Downingsville | M. Pait, Richardson.         |
| Cypress Creek  | W. R. Johnson, Cedar Creek   | R. M. Smith, Garland.        |
| Galead         | I. P. Hedgpeth, Lumberton    | T. C. Hilburn, Abbottsburg.  |
| Shady Grove    | D. L. Johnson, Downingsville | W. J. Burk, Abbottsburg.     |
| Sandy Grove    | D. L. Johnson,               | A. Z. Davis, Bladenboro.     |
| White Lake     | J. H. Dobson, Atkinson       | D. A. Marshburn, Ham.        |
| Waddells       |                              |                              |
| Zion Hill      | R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville      | M. Hester, Bladenboro.       |
| St. Joseph     |                              |                              |
| Thumb Swamp    | H. Carter, Garland           | W. J. Smith, White Hall      |
| Garland        |                              | Wiley Cain, Garland.         |
| Beards Chapel  | R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro    | A. Norris, Garland.          |
| White Oak      | J. M. Fleming, Lumberton     | A. L. Tatum, White Oak.      |
| Mt. Pleasant   |                              |                              |
| Hickory Grove  | A. H. Porter, Whiteville     | Seth Lewis, Richardson       |
| Paradise       |                              |                              |
| Loves Grove    | R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville      | L. B. Grimes, Tar Heel.      |
| Elizabethtown  | O. P. Meeks, Fayetteville    | E. J. Sutton, Elizabethtown. |
| Providence     |                              |                              |
| Baptist Centre |                              |                              |
| Mt. Zion       | A. D. Carter, Garland        | Daniel Leonard, Kerr.        |



## SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

| CHURCHES.     | Officers and t'hrs. | No.*scholars. | Contributions | School expenses | Quarterlies and papers taken | Mos. kept open | SUPERINTENDENTS             |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Browns Creek  | 3                   | 20            | \$            | \$1 00          | 24                           | 7              | Roy Hays, Clarkton          |
| Abbottsburg   | 6                   | 50            | 15 95         | 18 62           | 1 00                         | 12             | R. B. Buie, Abbottsburg     |
| Galead        | 9                   | 109           | 47 72         | 2 00            | 1 34                         | 12             | J. M. Fink, Bladenboro.     |
| Beards Chapel | 4                   | 30            |               |                 | 24                           | 6              | Chas. Register, Garland.    |
| Centre Road   | 7                   | 69            |               |                 |                              |                | Chas. Pait.                 |
| Sandy Grove   | 6                   | 45            | 6 45          | 45              | 30                           | 12             | Edgar Edwards Clarkton.     |
| Loves Grove   | 9                   | 37            |               | 8 90            | 63                           | 12             | N. B. Singletary, Tar Heel. |
| Mt. Zion      | 4                   | 36            | 3 25          |                 | 22                           | 12             | F. F. Newton, Kerr.         |
| Garland       |                     |               |               |                 |                              |                | E. D. Rich, Garland         |
| Cypress Creek | 5                   | 60            |               | 6 00            |                              | 6              | D. A. Smith, Garland        |
| Zion Hill     | 7                   | 50            | 65            |                 | 60                           | 12             | M. Hester, Bladenboro.      |
| White Lake    | 7                   | 60            |               | 8 00            | 60                           | 12             | J. W. Russ, Ham.            |
| Bethel        |                     |               |               |                 |                              | 12             | D. J. Allen, Dublin.        |
| White Oak     | 8                   | 122           | 105 99        | 28 89           |                              | 12             | N. A. Layton, White Oak.    |
| Brier Branch  | 6                   | 50            | 5 10          | 6 50            | 48                           |                | C. L. Long, Parkersburg.    |



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## OFFICERS.

PROF. W. W. WOODHOUSE, Modertor, ----- White Oak, N. C.  
 F. S. AVERITT, Clerk and Treasurer, ----- Abbottsburg, N. C.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD.

W. W. Woodhouse, Chairman ----- White Oak, N. C.  
 F. S. Averitt, Secretary ----- Abbottsburg, N. C.  
 J. N. Singletary ----- Blanenboro, N. C.  
 D. A. Marshburn ----- Ham, N. C.  
 E. D. Rich ----- Garland, N. C.  
 D. M. Melvin ----- White Oak, N. C.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Brisson, W. M. ----- Dublin, N. C.  
 Clark, D. J. ----- Elizabethtown, N. C.  
 Carter, A. D. ----- Garland, N. C.  
 Carter, Henry ----- Garland, N. C.  
 Freeman, A. J. ----- Bladenboro, N. C.  
 Green, C. M. ----- Parkersburg, N. C.  
 Hilburn, R. M. ----- Bladenboro, N. C.  
 Hilburn, D. H. ----- Bladenboro, N. C.  
 Hester S. ----- Bladenboro, N. C.  
 Hester, C. R. ----- St. Paul, N. C.  
 Johnson, D. L. ----- Downingsville, N. C.  
 Rogers, James ----- Mintz, N. C.

## PROCEEDINGS.

WHITE OAK CHURCH, Nov. 8th, 1911.

The Bladen County Baptist Association met in its twentieth annual session with this church. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. I. P. Hedgepeth, from Mathew 16th chapter and 18th verse.

A recess of one hour was then given, at the expiration of that time the Association reassembled. Rev. R. L. Byrd led in prayer. F. D. McLean and W. W. Woodhouse were appointed Reading Clerks, and N. A. Layton and A. L. Tatom as Committee on Finance. The officers of White Oak Church were appointed a committee on religious exercises during the session.

The Church letters were then called for and read and names of Delegates enrolled.

*Browns Creek*—By letter.

*Abbottsburg*—J. T. Averitt.

*Bethel*—C. D. Kinlaw, S. King, J. W. Carroll.

*Brier Branch*—C. L. Long, T. G. Vickers, Alfred Johnson.

*Center Road*—O. M. Jones.

*Cypress Creek*—By letter.

*Galead*—J. M. Frink, F. S. Averitt, F. D. McLearn.

*Shady Grove*—By letter.

*Sandy Grove*—By letter.

*White Lake*—D. A. Marshburn.

*Waddells*—Not represented.

*Zion Hill*—S. W. Singletary.

*St. Joseph*—Not represented.

*Thumb Swamp*—Not represented.

*Garland*—Not represented.

*Beards Chapel*—A. Norris, J. J. Norris, E. C. Robinson.

*Mt. Pleasant*—Not represented.

*Hickory Grove*—W. K. Singletary.

*Paradise*—Not represented.

*Loves Grove*—W. M. Monroe.

*Elizabethtown*—Not represented.

*Providence*—H. B. Butler, O. H. Harris.

*Baptist Centre*—Not represented,

*Mt. Zion*—By letter.

*Bladenboro*—By letter.

The Association then reorganized by electing Prof. W. W. Woodhouse, Moderator and F. S. Averitt, Clerk and Treasurer. Rev. A. L. Betts, representing the Biblical Recorder, was welcome to a seat.

#### REPORT OF PERIODICODS.

All through the Centuries the press had been one of the most powerful agencies for diffusing knowledge, and shaping and moulding the characters of men and women. Only reading people are growing and progressive people. Reading is to the mind and soul what eating is to the body. If we eat good wholesome and nutritious food we develop strong healthy bodies, if we live on dry, stale and tainted food we will become weak and sickly. So it is with people who depend on trashy and often poisonous literature and the stale gossip of the community in which they live and where such exist. The Biblical Recorder has been the organ of the Baptist denomination in North Carolina for over a half a century and in all these years it has sounded no uncertain note. An organ is a medium of speaking out and sending information all down the lines, to let one know what all the others are doing and therefore serves not only as a means of information but inspiration as well. The Biblical Recorder stands for the defense of the truth, the church, the home, Christian Education, the widow and orphan, for missions at home and abroad, for the Kingdom of God at large. Its motto is Christ for the world and the world for Christ. No Baptist in North Carolina can be his best to God and church and home who does not take and read the Biblical Recorder. Ignorance is weakness and helplessness, and knowledge is light, life and strength. It is marvelous how the Recorder read and heeded would transform both many of our people and churches. It is a fact where one is able to take the paper and does not do it

that he is not interested in the affairs of the denomination, therefore should shrink from holding any important office in his church and especially that of a deacon. Let all therefore who can take the paper do it. We commend as very helpful reading, Charity and Children. The Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field.

I. P. HEDGEPEETH, Com.

Revs. I. P. Hedgepeth, J. M. Fleming and A. L. Betts spoke to the report, the report adopted. An invitation was extended to churches wishing to join this Association. A petitionary letter from the Bladenboro Church, (a newly organized church) was read and on motion Brothers J. M. Fleming, A. J. Freeman and F. D. McLean, were appointed a committee to examine their articles of faith and report tomorrow morning. On Motion the Association adjourned till 9:30 A. M. tomorrow.

## SECOND DAY.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. I. P. Hedgepeth. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted. The Committee to report on the Bladenboro Church, reported favorable and, on motion, the church was duly received as a member of this Association.

## REPORT ON MINISTER'S RELIEF.

The Baptist Ministers Relief Board was established in 1890. The first meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in Wilmington, N. C., with the following trustees present: Dr. T. H. Pritchard, W. A. French, D. L. Gore, J. T. Bland, J. S. Allen and J. E. Stevenson. D. L. Gore was elected President of the Board. The Board is now located in Durham, where it met for the first time in December, 1890. It is composed of nine trustees and a number of associate members. The trustees have the power to transact the business of the Board and all live in or near Durham to save traveling expenses. The associate members are distributed over the State and are expected to have an eye to the interest of the work of the Board in their respective communities. Both the trustees and the associate members are elected annually by the Baptist State Convention.

The object of this Board is to afford aid and relief to needy Baptist ministers of North Carolina and their widows. There are four

regular meetings of the Board each year, on the fourth Wednesday in February, May, August and November.

There are at present thirty-one beneficiaries. This is a smaller number than last year owing to the death of six during the winter. But there are several applications before the Board, showing that the gradual increase of the number of beneficiaries will continue. These beneficiaries receive from forty to two hundred dollars a year. Many of them need more. Some of them have no means of support except the amount they receive from the Board. It should be the desire and effort of every Baptist of the State that not one of those who have been worthy proclaimers of the truth should suffer for the actual necessities of life. All money for this Board should be sent to the Treasurer of the Convention.

Applications for aid must receive the endorsement of the Moderator and Executive Committee of the Association in which the applicant resides, and also of the pastor of the one applying for aid. To entitle a minister or his widow to help from this Board, he must be a Baptist minister of North Carolina, or if not a native, he must have served as pastor or evangelist for five years prior to his application. The applicant is required to inform the Board of his physical or mental disability for active service; of what private means of support he or his wife has, and as to what amount will supply his actual necessities. In most cases the Board is entirely dependent upon the Pastor, the Moderator and the Executive Committee for information concerning applications. The brethren should always investigate before giving their endorsement. In many cases those who are most worthy and most needy do not apply. The pastors and officers of the Association where these old brethren live, should look after them and inform the Board of their condition. The work of the Board has been most highly appreciated by those who have received its benefits.

There is increasing liability on the part of our churches toward the work of this Board. But still nearly three-fifths of the State give absolutely nothing for this object. More than one fourth of the Association of the State contribute nothing to this work, while a number of those contributing give almost nothing. Four of the Associations not contributing to the work have beneficiaries on the Board. Will not some earnest pastor or layman at each Association, as it shall soon convene, champion the cause of the aged minister and his family and see to it that his Association not only gives something but gives as liberally as the object deserves?

L. R. BYRD, Com.

Rev. R. L. Byrd, spoke to the report. For pledges for minister's relief, see table.

Bro. G. E. Linebery, representing Education, was welcomed to a seat.

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Our people are rapidly learning that education is a necessity. The increased intelligence of our people increases the demand upon our ministers to prepare themselves for their great work. We



would urge them to embrace every opportunity they have of better preparing themselves for the work of the ministry. For more than three quarters of a century Wake Forest College has stood as a great beacon light to our denomination. No institution in the State excells it in training and from her walls has gone out many consecrated young men to bless the state and nation. Meredith College is one of the best female Colleges south, and has no equal in the State. It is giving the State consecrated young women to bless home and State. We also have several good preparatory schools. Let us stand loyally by our institutions in finance, patronage and influence, and thereby enable them to render the greatest service in advancing our masters cause.

F. A. AVERITT, Com.

G. E. Lineberry, spoke to the report. For pledges for Education, see table.

The Association then adjourned till two o'clock, p. m.

### EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called together by music, led by Prof. Cullom. Rev. A. J. Freeman led in prayer.

Time and place of next meeting: Bethel Church, Bladen County N. C., commencing on November 6th, 1912. Rev. J. M. Fleming to preach introductory sermon.

### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Resolved that the subject of State Missions is as near our hearts door as it has ever been in the past years. There are gratifying results of the State boards aid. Missions becoming self-supporting and then being mission churches in deed. Through our State and the great Southland of ours is white unto harvest. More people, more money, more denominations, whether the population are all good citizens and good Christians are known by their fruits. The money of our common wealth only a small per cent. go to further our Christian endeavor among us as denominations. Are we zealous in furthering the Lord's cause and grasping more strength in His kingdom on the earth? Do we as Baptist look well to our own interest and to the establishment of Bible churches among us? Are we as Baptist giving on a Bible plan? Statistics in the Recorder of a few months ago will answer in the negative. We do not.

S. W. SINGLETARY, Com.

G. E. Lineberry spoke to the report. For pledges for State Missions see table.

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board is in the glorious work of world evangelization. It is appointed by Southern Baptists for this stupendous task. Splendid opportunities are before us. China, with 440,000,000 of people, is passing through a marvelous transformation. Now is the time to give these millions the gospel. Japan is leading the Orient. Shall we lead Japan to Christ? Mohammedanism threatens to submerge Africa. Shall we turn back the tide by the power of the gospel? South America, Mexico and Italy are sick and tired of Romanism; they are ready to receive the message which we have to give. Vast open doors which we have not yet been able to enter lie before us.

We have sent out 273 missionaries — thirty of them sent out last year—and they have gathered around them 531 native helpers, and are training hundreds of others. The Missionaries reported 3,618 baptisms last year and will soon report tens of thousands of converts each year, if the present rapid growth continues. There are seven Womens Training Schools with 140 students and nine Theological Training Schools with 212 students. There are fifteen medical missionaries treating many thousands of patients and opening the way to the hearts and the homes of millions of people. We have seven hospitals and twelve dispensaries in which the missionaries assisted by five missionary nurses and many native helpers treated 40,716 patients. The printing plants are sending out the Bible and many pages of religious literature in the languages of the people.

The work has grown so rapidly that it cost last year far more than our people were willing to give. If we meet the actual necessities of the missions now, we must greatly enlarge our offering. The total receipts for last year were \$510,008.97, a small gain over the year before. An accumulated debt of \$89,600 now rests upon the work. This should be paid off this year. To do so and maintain the work as it now is, will require at least \$600,000. Will the churches give it? It is a condition that call for greatly enlarged giving but it is absolutely imperative unless our people are willing to let this great cause suffer. Let us raise this amount and even more that we may make an advance in the work.

We recommend:—1. That all our people help; by sympathy and prayer; by subscribing for and reading the Foreign Mission Journal; by distributing tracts which can be had for the asking; by self-denying sacrifice by all, and by liberal gifts from the wealthy; by sending in their gifts now and not waiting for the season of pressure in March and April. 2. That we solemnly pledge ourselves to do all in our power to raise the amount of \$..... which has been asked of our Association this year.

N. A. LAYTON, Com.

Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth spoke to the report. For pledges for Foreign Missions, see table.

On motion the Association adjourned till 9:30 A. M. tomorrow.

## THIRD DAY.

Rev. A. J. Freeman led in prayer, minutes of yesterday read and adopted. Bro. F. D. McLean spoke on the subject of Home Missions. For pledges for Home Missions see table. Rev A. L. Betts spoke on the subject of Temperance. The following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved: That we the members of the Bladen Association do stand uncompromisingly in favor of prohibition, and we request our National Representatives to do everything in their power to control the jug traffic, and our Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to Hon. E. Y. Webb and H. L. Godwin.

## REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C., has under its care at present, nearly four hundred orphans, and they are dependent on the voluntary contributions of the Baptists of North Carolina, for their support. Therefore we would urge that the Churches and Sunday Schools of the Bladen County Association take monthly collections for this worthy object.

J. T. AVERITT, Com.

Rev. A. L. Betts spoke to the report. For pledges see table.

A cash collection taken for State Missions amounting to \$6.14.

## REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School stands as open door to the Church. Ninety per cent. of all our members come through this door. Close this door and in a few years our churches will be closed. It is the only medium by which we can teach our people our distinctive principles each week. We believe that every church member should be a Sunday School scholar. We believe this is a great opportunity, and if we fail to embrace it our responsibility will be awful. Keep this door open twelve months in every year and invite everybody to enter,  
F. D. McLean, Com.

F. D. McLean spoke to the report. The report was adopted.

Resolved that we extend our heart felt thanks to the White Oak Church and vicinity for their unbounded hospitality during this session of the Association.

The Treasurer and Finance Committee reported and their reports received.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay Rev. A. J. Freeman's way to the Baptist State Convention out of the State Mission funds.

On motion the Clerk was allowed \$10.00 for his services.

The Finance Committee was instructed to turn over the funds in their hands to the Treasurer.

A cash collection of \$6.35 was taken to be added to the minute fund.

On motion the Association adjourned.

|                |                        |
|----------------|------------------------|
|                | PROF. W. W. WOODHOUSE, |
| F. S. AVERITT, | <i>Moderator.</i>      |
| <i>Clerk.</i>  |                        |

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#### WRITERS FOR NEXT SESSION.

|                                      |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| State Missions .....                 | A. L. Tatum.        |
| Foreign Missions .....               | Monroe Hester.      |
| Home Missions .....                  | F. S. Averitt.      |
| Education .....                      | D. A. Marshburn.    |
| Orphanage .....                      | F. D. McLean.       |
| Ministers' Relief .....              | A. J. Freeman.      |
| Sunday Schools .....                 | N. A. Layton.       |
| Periodicals .....                    | R. L. Byrd.         |
| Intemperance .....                   | J. M. Frink.        |
| To Southern Baptist Convention ..... | R. C. Bridges.      |
| To Baptist State Convention .....    | Rev. R. M. Hilburn. |
| Member of Baptist State Board .....  | Rev. A. J. Freeman. |

## TREASURERS' REPORT.

## Receipts.

|                                      |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Balance minute fund .....            | \$ 2 28 |
| State Missions .....                 | 35 00   |
| Home Missions .....                  | 13 75   |
| Education .....                      | 2 00    |
| Orphanage .....                      | 12 64   |
| Ministers Relief .....               | 13 10   |
| Association Missions .....           | 1 54    |
| Minute fund .....                    | 24 82   |
| Minute fund from Bladen Union .....  | 2 00    |
| Minute fund from Central Union ..... | 2 00    |

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## Disbursements.

|                                                    |          |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| State Missions .....                               | \$ 25 00 |
| Home Missions .....                                | 23 75    |
| Education .....                                    | 2 00     |
| Orphanage .....                                    | 12 64    |
| Ministers Relief .....                             | 13 10    |
| Association Missions .....                         | 1 54     |
| Clerk of Association .....                         | 10 00    |
| Rev. A. J. Freeman's way to B. S. Convention ..... | 10 00    |
| Printing Minutes .....                             | 21 00    |
| Postage .....                                      | 10       |

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F. S. AVERITT,  
Treasurer.

## FINANCE REPORT.

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| State Missions .....       | \$53 91 |
| Home Missions .....        | 15 55   |
| Foreign Missions .....     | 15 29   |
| Association Missions ..... | 2 00    |
| Education .....            | 9 51    |
| Orphanage .....            | 12 17   |
| Ministers Relief .....     | 14 94   |
| Sunday Schools .....       | 4 13    |
| Minute Fund .....          | 27 12   |

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Total, . . . . . \$154 62

N. A. LAYTON,  
A. L. TATOM,  
Committee.



## PLEDGES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

| CHURCHES.           | State<br>Missions | Home<br>Missions | Foreign<br>Missions | Education | Orphanage | Ministers<br>Relief |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|
| Browns Creek .....  | \$ 5 00           | \$ 2 00          | \$ 3 00             | \$ 2 00   | \$ 2 00   | \$ 2 00             |
| Abbottsburg .....   | 15 00             | 8 00             | 20 00               | 5 00      | 8 00      | 5 00                |
| Bethel .....        |                   |                  |                     | 5 00      |           | 5 00                |
| Briar Branch .....  |                   |                  |                     |           | 6 00      |                     |
| Centre Road .....   | 10 00             | 4 00             | 8 00                | 2 00      | 5 00      | 3 00                |
| Galeed .....        | 40 00             | 30 00            | 70 00               | 20 00     | 15 00     | 15 00               |
| Sandy Grove .....   | 10 00             | 10 00            | 10 00               | 5 00      | 10 00     | 10 00               |
| White Lake .....    | 10 00             | 5 00             | 6 00                |           | 12 00     | 4 00                |
| Zion Hill .....     | 16 00             | 12 00            | 9 00                | 5 00      | 6 00      | 6 00                |
| Beards Chapel ..... |                   | 4 00             |                     |           | 5 00      |                     |
| White Oak .....     | 30 00             | 12 50            | 17 50               |           | 30 00     | 15 00               |
| Hickory Grove ..... | 25 00             | 25 00            | 25 00               | 6 00      | 5 00      | 10 00               |
| Loves Grove .....   | 20 00             | 12 00            | 10 50               | 5 00      | 12 00     | 5 00                |
| Providence .....    |                   |                  |                     |           |           | 1 80                |
| Total, .....        | \$181 00          | \$129 50         | \$179 00            | \$ 55 00  | \$116 00  | \$ 81 80            |

## CHURCHES, PASTORS ANC CLERKS.

| CHURCHES       | PASTORS                      | CLERKS.                      |
|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Browns Creek   | A. J. Freeman, Bladenboro    | W. B. Hester, Elizabethtown  |
| Abbottsburg    | R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville      | R. E. Thompson, Abbottsburg  |
| Bethel         | R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville      | C. W. King, Dublin           |
| Brier Branch   | D. L. Johnson, Downingsville | C. L. Long, Parkersburg      |
| Center Road    | D. L. Johnson, Downingsville | M. Pait, Richardson          |
| Cypress Creek  | W. R. Johnson, Cedar Creek   | R. M. Smith, Garland         |
| Galeed         | L. B. Boney, Pembroke        | T. C. Hilburn, Abbottsburg   |
| Shady Grove    | D. L. Johnson, Downingsville | J. D. McKeithan, Abbottsburg |
| Sandy Grove    | D. L. Johnson, Downingsville | A. Z. Davis, Bladenboro      |
| White Lake     | J. H. Dobson, Atkinson       | D. A. Marshburn, Ham         |
| Waddells       |                              |                              |
| Zion Hill      | R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville      | M. Hester, Bladenboro        |
| St. Joseph     |                              |                              |
| Thumb Swamp    | H. Carter, Garland           | W. J. Smith, White Hall      |
| Garland        | T. J. Baker, Stedman         | Wiley Cain, Garland          |
| Beards Chapel  | R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro    | A. Norris, Garland           |
| White Oak      | J. M. Fleming, Lumberton     | A. L. Tatum, White Oak       |
| Mt. Pleasant   |                              |                              |
| Hickory Grove  | A. H. Porter, Whiteville     | Seth Lewis, Richardson       |
| Paradise       |                              |                              |
| Loves Grove    | R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville      | L. B. Grimes, Tar Heel       |
| Elizabethtown  |                              | E. J. Sutton, Elizabethtown  |
| Providence     |                              | H. B. Butler, Elizabethtown  |
| Baptist Center |                              |                              |
| Mt. Zion       | T. J. Baker, Stedman         | D. P. Russ, Tomahawk         |
| Bladenboro     | I. P. Hedgpeth, Lumberton    | J. G. Freeman, Bladenboro    |

## REPORTS OF W. M. S. OF BLADEN ASSOCIATION.

## GALEED SOCIETY.

|                                       |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| To the Famine Snfferers of China..... | \$ 7 25 |
| To Foreign Missions.....              | 9 35    |
| To State Mission.....                 | 1 15    |
|                                       | <hr/>   |
|                                       | \$17 75 |

Mrs. B. M. Davis,  
Secretary.

Mrs. F. P. Callihan,  
President.

## ABBOTTSBURG SOCIETY.

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Home Missions.....    | \$ 1 25 |
| Foreign Missions..... | 13 83   |
|                       | <hr/>   |
|                       | \$15 08 |

Miss Edith Smith,  
Secretary.

Mrs. J. T. Averitt,  
President.

## WHITE OAK SOCIETY.

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Foreign Missions..... | \$ 4 83 |
| Home Missions.....    | 2 21    |
| State Missions.....   | 7 48    |
| Expense Fund.....     | 1 00    |
|                       | <hr/>   |
|                       | \$15 52 |

Mrs. A. L. Tatom,  
Secretary.

Mrs. Maggie Layton,  
President.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

| Churches Reporting a<br>Sunday School. |   | Superintendents |               |                            |                 |                |                            |
|----------------------------------------|---|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Officers and Teachers                  |   | No. Scholars    | Contributions | Quarterly and papers taken | School Expenses | Mos. kept open |                            |
| Abbottsbury                            | 7 | 50              | \$20 54       | 80                         | \$19 00         | 12             | R. B. Baie, Abbottsbury.   |
| Galeed                                 | 9 | 118             | 53 93         | 135                        | 26 13           | 12             | J. M. Frink, Bladenboro.   |
| Brier Branch                           | 5 | 45              | 10 14         |                            | 5 00            |                | C. L. Long, Parkersburg.   |
| Cypress Creek                          | 6 | 30              |               |                            | 4 50            |                | D. A. Smith, Garland.      |
| Loves Grove                            | 5 | 35              | 16 55         | 81                         | 13 28           | 12             | J. E. Kinlaw, Tar Heel.    |
| Bethel                                 | 5 | 63              | 17 58         |                            | 6 93            | 12             | D. J. Allen, Dublin.       |
| Sandy Grove                            | 5 | 46              | 15 81         | 50                         | 10 00           | 12             | D. F. Edwards, Bladenboro. |
| Shady Grove                            | 3 | 40              |               |                            |                 | 12             | D. T. Britt, Clarkton.     |
| Zion Hill                              | 7 | 50              |               | 10                         | 6 74            | 12             | M. Hester, Bladenboro.     |
| Beards Chapel                          | 3 | 30              |               | 24                         | 1 50            | 6              | E. C. Robison, Garland.    |
| Mt. Zion                               | 4 | 40              | 3 50          | 24                         |                 | 12             | F. F. Newton, Kerr.        |
| Centre Road                            | 4 | 70              |               |                            | 2 00            | 12             | Charlie Pait, Guyton.      |
| White Lake                             | 5 | 50              |               |                            | 8 00            | 12             | D. A. Marshburn, Ham.      |
| White Oak                              | 7 | 80              | 39 63         | 30                         | 17 75           | 12             | N. A. Layton, White Oak.   |
| Bladenboro                             | 8 | 60              |               | 50                         |                 | 12             | H. C. Bridger, Bladenboro. |

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

| CHURCHES      | Baptised | Rec'd by letter | Restored | Dis'm'd by letter | Excluded | Died | Males | Females | Total membership | Pastor's Salary | Incidental expenses | Building and repairs | Poor | Minute fund | Association Missions | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Education | Orphanage | Ministerial relief | Other objects | Total amount of all objects |
|---------------|----------|-----------------|----------|-------------------|----------|------|-------|---------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|------|-------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
|               |          |                 |          |                   |          |      |       |         |                  |                 |                     |                      |      |             |                      |                |               |                  |           |           |                    |               |                             |
| Browns Creek  | 1        | 1               |          |                   |          |      | 15    | 41      | 56               | \$ 50 00        | \$ 15 00            | \$ 153 41            |      | \$ 30       | \$ 75                | \$ 13 00       | \$ 7 42       | \$ 2 82          | \$ 1 80   | \$ 2 25   | \$ 40              | \$ 72         | \$ 63 46                    |
| Abottsburg    | 8        | 3               | 3        | 1                 |          |      | 30    | 47      | 77               | 120 00          |                     |                      |      | 75          |                      |                | 13 00         | 13 66            | 20 00     |           | 7 00               | 5 00          | 369 07                      |
| Bethel        | 6        | 10              | 3        |                   |          |      | 41    | 59      | 100              | 100 00          |                     |                      |      | 70          |                      |                | 15 67         | 14 44            | 11 47     |           |                    |               | 147 78                      |
| Brier Branch  | 1        |                 |          |                   |          |      | 14    | 48      | 62               | 50 00           |                     |                      |      | 1           |                      |                | 2 05          | 10 00            | 1 15      |           | 1 35               | 1 13          | 66 76                       |
| Center Road   | 4        | 9               | 1        | 7                 | 2        |      | 21    | 49      | 90               | 54 00           |                     | 8 00                 |      | 50          | 1 55                 |                | 7 98          | 4 68             |           |           |                    |               | 79 55                       |
| Cypress Creek | 4        | 4               | 2        |                   |          |      | 33    | 63      | 106              | 85 00           |                     | 30 00                |      | 1 00        |                      |                | 1 50          | 1 00             | 2 00      |           |                    |               | 120 50                      |
| Galeed        | 1        | 7               | 1        | 51                | 1        | 3    | 68    | 111     | 179              | 200 00          | 14 72               |                      |      | 2 00        |                      |                | 91 88         | 60 00            | 128 00    | 35 00     | 30 00              | 32 53         | 696 23                      |
| Shady Grove   | 12       | 3               | 1        |                   |          |      | 33    | 76      | 109              | 62 00           |                     |                      | 1 81 | 1 00        | 2 00                 |                | 1 00          | 2 00             | 4 00      |           |                    | 102 10        | 96 81                       |
| Sandy Grove   | 3        | 2               | 1        | 2                 |          |      | 44    | 61      | 105              | 66 00           | 1 35                |                      |      | 1 45        | 2 80                 |                | 10 00         | 10 00            | 10 00     | 5 00      | 7 00               | 16 00         |                             |
| White Lake    | 1        |                 |          |                   |          |      | 33    | 62      | 95               | 100 00          |                     |                      |      | 1 50        |                      |                | 10 00         | 6 00             | 6 00      | 12 00     | 3 00               |               | 113 60                      |
| Zion Hill     | 3        | 3               | 1        | 2                 |          |      | 43    | 43      | 86               | 75 00           | 20 52               | 1 80                 |      | 1 10        |                      |                | 15 00         | 10 00            | 7 00      | 2 00      | 5 00               | 6 01          | 158 33                      |
| Beards Chapel | 4        | 2               | 3        | 3                 | 2        |      | 28    | 28      | 66               | 80 00           |                     |                      |      | 1 52        | 3 00                 |                | 4 00          | 2 00             | 1 00      | 3 00      | 3 00               | 10 30         | 107 82                      |
| White Oak     | 5        |                 |          | 10                | 2        | 3    | 85    | 142     | 227              | 200 00          |                     |                      |      | 2 00        |                      |                | 26 06         | 10 25            | 15 19     | 5 00      | 3 65               | 9 33          | 276 84                      |
| Hickory Grove | 2        |                 | 5        |                   |          |      | 64    | 119     | 183              | 125 00          |                     |                      | 4 00 | 1 40        |                      |                | 16 47         | 28 06            | 45 24     | 2 51      | 9 22               | 10 40         | 5 36                        |
| Loves Grove   | 3        | 1               | 1        | 1                 |          |      | 28    | 36      | 64               | 100 00          |                     | 45 00                |      | 1 00        |                      |                | 18 00         | 15 00            | 10 00     | 3 00      | 6 73               | 2 75          | 242 30                      |
| Providence    | 6        |                 |          |                   |          |      | 6     | 12      | 18               |                 |                     |                      |      | 50          |                      |                | 50            |                  | 30        |           | 50                 | 22 10         | 239 13                      |
| Mt. Zion      | 1        |                 |          |                   |          |      | 21    | 22      | 43               | 60 00           |                     | 177 73               | 2 00 | 2 50        |                      |                | 5 80          | 4 55             | 6 50      | 1 14      | 2 14               |               | 1 80                        |
| Bladenboro    | 1        |                 |          |                   |          |      | 31    | 34      | 65               |                 |                     |                      |      | 2 55        |                      |                |               |                  |           |           |                    | 16 30         | 276 71                      |
| Total         | 43 45    | 7               | 86       | 13 16             | 668      | 1053 | 1721  | 1527 00 | \$51 59          | 415 94          | \$17 80             | \$20 77              | 9 35 | \$246 33    | \$194 96             | \$269 65       | \$54 73       | \$86 33          | \$82 36   | \$178 17  | \$3213 69          |               |                             |









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Green, C. M. ----- Parkersburg, N. C.  
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# Proceedings

*Bethel Church, November 6th, 1913.*

The Bladen County Baptist Association met in its twenty first annual session with this church. The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. M. Flemming from John 7th chapter and 17th verse. A recess of one hour was then given after which the Association reassembled. Bro. S. E. Garner led in prayer. Revs. J. M. Flemming and R. L. Byrd were appointed Reading clerks and D. A. Butler and C. W. King as Committee on Finance. The officers of Bethel church were appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises during the session.

The church letters were then called for and read and names of delegates enrolled.

*Abbottsburg-* J T Thompson, J A Jones

*Browns Creek-* Rewben Dew, T B Harrelson G. R. Huggins

*Bethel-* J. E. Nance D. J. Allen, Will Bryant.

*Brier Branch-* By letter.

*Beards Chapel-* W K Evans,

*Bladenboro-* C W Deaver, D A Butler, F P Colliham,

*Center Road-* M C Kinlaw, Ed Butler A C Herring,

*Cypress Creek-* By letter,

*Elizabethtown-* By letter,

*Emanuel-* W E Allen, O M Melvin Pearl Evans,

*Galeed-* A J Kelly, Livey Kelly, F S Averitt,

*Hickory Grove-* Roy Hester, J E Summer, J B Allen,

*Loves Grove-* W M Monroe, L B Grimes.

*Mt Zion-* By letter

*Mt Pleasant-* Not represented

*Paradice-* Not represented

*Shady Grove-* Lomie Thompson

*Sandy Grove* L T Hester J F Adams J L Hester

*St Joseph-* Not represented

*Thumbswamp-* Not represented

*White Lake-* By letter

*White Oak-* D L Melvin D M Melvin D B Cole

*Zion Hill-* I F Hilburn Koy Edwards W B Hester

The Association was then reorganized by electing Prof. W. W. Woodhouse Moderator and F. S. Averitt Clerk and Treasurer. Bro. S. E. Garner, representing the Biblical Recorder, Revs. J. M. Flemming and R. L. Byrd from the Robeson Association and Prof. E. McIntosh Cullom of the Cullom school of music were welcomed to seats.

A petitionary letter from the newly organized Emanuel church was read and on motion Brothers J. M. Flemming, R. L. Byrd and D. M. Melvin were appointed a committee to examine their articles of faith and report to this session.

## Report on Periodicals

Upon the literature of a denomination depend in a large measure the strength of its membership. As our religious papers increase in circulation and influence there is a corresponding increase in the growth and developement of the denomination.

Information must proceed interest and interest must proceed activity. To furnish information and to beget this interest in the work of our denominational papers. The religious newspaper is an essential factor in the social and moral as well as the religious life of our time. Its mission is two-fold.

1st. To disseminate information on religious and denominational subjects.

2nd. To preach righteousness To the church and home, it is the source of untold power, and inspiration to a higher life. For more than seventy-five years the Biblical Recorder has been as a lighthouse to the Baptist of North Carolina.

Therefore we recommend the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, The Homefield and Foreign Mission Journal.

*R. L. BYRD*

R. L. Byrd, S. E. Garner, J. M. Flemming and A. J. Freeman spoke to the report. Report adopted.

The Committee to report on Emanuel church reported favorable and on motion the church was duly received as a member of the Association.

## Report on Intemperance

Strong drink is one of the greatest leaders to evil in the land.

It has brought sorrow and suffering to many a dear mother and child, and sunk many a soul to the lowest hell. It unfits man for any avocation of life. Therefore it is our christian duty to abstain from the use of it and to teach our friends our neighbors and our children the danger of the drink habit. Gods words says "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning that they follow strong drink" That tarry late into the night till wine inflame them'

*J. M. Frink, Committee*

A. J. Freeman and J. T. Thompson spoke to the report.  
Report adopted

Association adjourned till 9:00 a. m. tomorrow.

## Second Day.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. A. J. Freeman.

Minutes of yesterday read and adopted. G. E. Lineberg representing education, J. M. Hamrick representing the Thomasville orphanage and J. M. Hester from the Robeson Association were welcomed to seats. Revs J. M. Hester, A. J. Freeman and J. M. Flemming spoke on the subject of Foreign Missions. For Foreign Mission pledges, see table.

## Report on Education

In this age of thrift, industry and general developement along all lines of activity which call for trained leaders. We cannot too strongly emphasize the importance and value of our denominational Schools and colleges. If education is power and leads from the known into the unknown, then Wake Forest College for our young men, and Meredith for the women have more than established themselves in our State and denominational life as factors for training men and women. Beside the Colleges, we as a denomination must stand loyally by our High Schools and Public Schools, for these are the feeders of the higher institutions.

*J. M. Flemming, Committee*

J. M. Flemming and G. E. Lineberg spoke to the report. Report adopted.

The Association then adjourned for one hour.

### Evening Session

The Association was called together by music led by Prof. E. M. Cullom, prayer by Bro. I. F. Hilburn. On motion a letter of dismission was granted the Garland church. Time and place of next meeting, White Oak church, Bladen County, commencing November 5th, 1913. Rev. J. M. Hester to preach the Introductory sermon.

## Report on Orphanage

As Baptist we are justly proud of our orphanage at Thomasville. Its object lies nearer the hearts of our people. Beginning twenty seven years ago the growth, developement and success of our Thomasville orphanage has been marvelous. It is surprising to know that near 1, 500 fatherless ones have received, feed, shelter and training at the institute and that now 400 are receiving its nurture and care. How different the lives of those boys and girls might have been but for the protecting care of our orphanage. How many might have grown up with little or no education, perhaps suffered, possibly fallen into shame and disgrace.

Our records show that scores of these have gone out into the world to bless humanity and are happy prosperous citizens today, so the work is of much importance, the saving of souls.

During the year Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kennedy donated the institution one of the most remarkable and priceless gifts that has ever come to a like institution in North Carolina. It consists of 1, 200 acres of valuable land in Lenoir county, the gift to be an assistant arm of the orphanage. Machinery for greater accommodations, calls for larger gifts and it is a challenge to the Baptist hosts of the state that we continue the work with more zeal. Your Committee would recommend and urge.



1st. That our people subscribe to and read Charity and Children.

2nd. That each Sunday School set aside the first Sunday in each month as Orphanage day.

3rd. That all of our churches come together on Thanksgiving day and make a special offering.

Finally, Brethren, let us give the orphanage our heartiest sympathy, and earnest prayers and a goodly portion of our means, remembering that in as much as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me.

*J. M. HAMRICK*

Bro. Hamrick spoke to the report. A cash collection of \$5.38 was taken for the Orphanage.

## **Report on State Missions**

The command of our Saviour is to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, beginning at Jerusalem.

Our Jerusalem is within the borders of our state, our goal this year is \$50. 000 we are to-day contributing more than our Southern Baptist contributed a few years ago, and still we are not discharging our duty. With our 200,000 Baptist we have in the work 153 Missionaries dependent on the Board, our contributions average twenty-five cents per member which is a mere pittance.

State Missions pays a larger dividend than any business that we can invest in, places we have aided in the past are now our largest contributors, as our state develops we must meet the demands. The many different manufactories are great centres we must be on hand to meet them with the gospel.

As our state develops our needs in the future are going to be greater.

*A. L. TATUM, Committee*

G. E. Lineberg spoke to the report. For State Missions See table.

## **Report on Home Missions**

For sixty seven years the Home Missions Board has been for a great christian body the expression of its sacred purpose to save the lost and care for the spiritually needy in America, but instead of the Home Mission task being completed after sixty seven years, there is now two and half times as many people in the Southern Baptist Convention territory who make no profession of religion as was the number of the entire population of the South in 1845.

Every child that is born is a new Home Mission problem, the past year has been characterized by an effort among many of our churches to inaugurate systematic giving among their members. We believe that the pastors of our churches ought to be

in full sympathy with this effort. Not less than eleven thousand of our Southern Baptist churches give nothing to missions

With the heathen world stretching out before him in darkness, Paul found time to go back and preach to week and dying churches, strengthening the things that remained and training them in the ways of the Lord, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, is as truly a part of the Commission of our Lord, as the command to make disciples and baptise. It is at least as essential to save what we already have as it is to save that which is lost.

### *F. S. AVERITT, Committee*

F. S. Averitt, J. M. Hester and J. M. Flemming spoke to the report. Report adopted

Baptist Center and Waddells churches having disbanded, they are on motion dropped from the list of churches. On motion adjournment till 9;30 A. M. tomorrow.

## **Third Day**

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. M. Hester, minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

### **Report on Sunday Schools.**

We find authority for Sunday Schools in God's word. The fact that a Sunday School with good organization, equipment and teaching is sure to become efficient in winning souls for God and in developing them for His use is proof of God's favor.

The Sunday School work of the State is hopeful. There seems to be a steady, healthful growth. Since 1905 we have grown from 1,290 schools to 1,858 in 1911- a gain of 568 or 44 per cent in six years.

Since March, 1912 about seventy new schools have been organized. It is probable a few of the old ones have been discontinued.

During the same six years the membership has grown from 104, 534 to 174, 384- a gain of 69,750 or 67 per cent.

There now seem to be about 125 churches without schools. It seems it is practically impossible to secure schools in some of these.

The Normal Training is exceedingly hopeful. Nearly 2, 000 enrolled in North Carolina during the last Southern Baptist Convention Year. The special campaign for this work is now on. An effort is being made to enlist at least 1,200 during September and October.

In this Association in 1911 there were 2,124 church members and 1165, pupils in our Sunday School. In the state the ratio of Sunday School pupils to church members is 76 to 100. In our Association it is 55 to 100.

As a policy for next year we would recommend the following;

1. The organization of our Sunday School forces into a convention with needed officers and committees to advance the work. Let the Executive Committees be appointed now to do this work and co-operate with the State Sunday School Committee and Secretary.

2. A vigorous campaign to enlist most of our church members and others not reached for the Sunday School. A religious census will greatly aid in this.

3. The organization of Normal classes for the training of our officers and teachers.

4. Co-operation with other Associations in supporting Sunday School Missions and by putting this fund on the same basis as other Mission and benevolent object of the Convention. The Sunday School, however, ought to meet this obligation.

5. More definite plans for making our Schools evangelistic. These ought to become great soul saving agencies.

J. M. Hester, F. D. McLean and J. T. Thompson spoke to the report. Report adopted.

On motion Bro. N. A. Layton of White Oak was appointed Vice President for Foreign Missions for the Association.

Resolve that we extend to this church and community our heart felt thanks for their hospitality in entertaining this session of the Association.

On motion R. C. Bridger was appointed a member of the Executive Board of the Association. The Treasurer and Finance Committee reported and their reports received.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to pay Rev. A. J. Freeman's way to the Baptist State Convention out of the State Missions fund. On motion the Clerk was allowed \$10.00 for his services. A cash collection of \$3.43 was taken to be added to Minute fund

On motion the Association adjourned.

*Prof. W. W. Woodhouse, Moderator*  
*F. S. Averitt, Clerk*

## CHURCHES CLERKS AND PASTORS

| CHURCHES            | CLERKS                       | PASTORS                      |
|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Browns Creek .....  | W. B. Hester Elizabethtown,  | A. J. Freeman, Bladenboro,   |
| Abbottsburg .....   | J. S. Cain Abbottsburg,      | R. L. Byrd Howellsville,     |
| Bethel .....        | C. W. King Dublin,           | R. L. Byrd Howellsville,     |
| Brier Branch.....   | Alford Johnson E. Town,      | D. L. Johnson Elizabethtown, |
| Center Roads.....   | M. C. Kinlaw Richardson,     | D. L. Hewett Shallotte       |
| Cypress Creek ..... | W. R. Smith Garland,         | W. R. Johnson Ceder Creek,   |
| Galeed .....        | T. C. Hilburn Abbottsburg,   | W. G. Moore Byrdville,       |
| Shady Grove .....   | J. D. McKeithan Abbottsburg, | D. L. Johnson Elizabethtown, |
| Sandy Grove .....   | A. Z. Davis Bladenboro,      | D. L. Johnson Elizabethtown, |
| White Lake .....    | D. A. Marshburn Ham,         | J. H. Dobson Atkinson,       |
| Zion Hill .....     | M. Hester Bladenboro,        | R. L. Byrd. Howellsville,    |
| St. Joseph .....    |                              | A. J. Freeman Bladenboro,    |
| Thumb Swamp .....   | W. J. Smith White Hall,      | H. Carter Garland,           |
| Beards Chapel ..... | W. K. Evans Garland,         | R. M. Hilburn Bladenboro     |
| White Oak .....     | A. L. Tatom White Oak,       | J. M. Fleming, Lnmberon,     |
| Mt. Pleasant .....  |                              |                              |
| Hickory Grove ..... | Seth Lewis Richerson,        | R. M. Hilburn Bladenboro,    |
| Paradice .....      |                              |                              |
| Loves Grove .....   | L. B. Grimes Tar Heel.       | R. L. Byrd Howellsville,     |
| Elizabethtown.....  | H. B. Register Elizabethtown | J. M. Fleming Lumberton,     |
| Providence .....    |                              |                              |
| Mt. Zion .....      | D. P. Russ Tomahawk,         | T. J. Baker Steadman,        |
| Bladenboro .....    | J. G. Freeman, Bladenboro.   | I. P. Hedgepeth Lumberton,   |
| Emanuel .....       | Andrew Jones. White Oak,     | R. L. Byrd Howellsville,     |
| Garland .....       | Wiley Cain Garland,          | T. J. Baker, Steadman,       |

# SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

| Sunday Schools      | Months Kept Open | School Expenses | Quartries & Papers taken | Contributions | No. Scholars | Teachers and Officers | Superintendents            |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Abbottsburg .....   | 12               | \$21 23         | 100                      | \$21 23       | 50           | 6                     | R. B. Buie, Abbottsburg    |
| Galed .....         | 12               | 26 40           | 135                      | 42 49         | 119          | 9                     | J. M. Frink, Bladenboro    |
| Bethel .....        | 12               | .....           | 70                       | .....         | 72           | 5                     | C. W. King, Dublin         |
| Brier Branch .....  | 9                | 4 00            | .....                    | 4 00          | 40           | 5                     | C. L. Long, Parkersburg    |
| Center Roads .....  | 12               | 10 87           | 36                       | 16 44         | 70           | 10                    | O. M. Jones, Guyton        |
| Zion Hill .....     | 12               | .....           | 71                       | .....         | 50           | 7                     | E. E. Hester, Bladenboro   |
| Sandy Grove .....   | 12               | 8 00            | 50                       | 8 00          | 75           | 7                     | T. J. Adams, Clarkton      |
| Garland .....       | 12               | 10 00           | 95                       | 10 00         | 50           | 8                     | E. D. Rich, Garland        |
| White Lake .....    | 12               | .....           | .....                    | .....         | 55           | 5                     | D. A. Marshburn, Ham       |
| Beards Chapel ..... | 12               | .....           | .....                    | .....         | 25           | 5                     | L. M. Barnes, Garland      |
| Shady Grove .....   | 12               | .....           | .....                    | .....         | 50           | 6                     | D. T. Britt, Clarkton      |
| Mt. Zion .....      | 12               | .....           | 24                       | 3 75          | 40           | 3                     | F. F. Newton, Kerr         |
| Cypress Creek ..... | 9                | 8 22            | 78                       | 8 22          | 50           | 4                     | W. R. Smith, Garland       |
| Loves Grove .....   | 12               | 13 25           | 73                       | 13 25         | 34           | 5                     | W. I. Hall, Tar Heel       |
| White Oak .....     | 12               | 16 49           | 100                      | 54 23         | 100          | 6                     | N. A. Layton, White Oak    |
| Elizabethtown ..... | 12               | .....           | .....                    | .....         | 25           | 4                     | D. L. Smith, Elizabethtown |
| Emanuel .....       | .....            | .....           | 50                       | .....         | 50           | .....                 | W. E. Allen, White Oak     |
| Hickory Grove ..... | .....            | .....           | .....                    | .....         | 34           | 6                     | J. E. Sumner, Richardson   |
| Bladenboro .....    | 12               | .....           | 175                      | .....         | 70           | 9                     | H. C. Bridge, Bladenboro   |



# Finance Report

|                                   |                |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| <i>Minuite fund</i> .....         | \$22.23        |
| <i>Association Missions</i> ..... | 2.55           |
| <i>State Missions</i> .....       | 40.12          |
| <i>Home Missions</i> .....        | 2.55           |
| <i>Foreign Missions</i> .....     | 26.33          |
| <i>Orphanage</i> .....            | 16.97          |
| <i>Education</i> .....            | 8.95           |
| <i>Aged ministers</i> .....       | 5.62           |
|                                   | <hr/> \$125.32 |

D. A. BUTLER

C. W. KING

Committee

## PLEDGES FOR ENSUING YEAR

| CHURCHES            | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Education | Orphanage | Ministerial Relief |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
| Abbottsburg .....   | \$ 15.00       | \$ 8.00       | \$ 20.00         | \$ 5.00   | \$ 3.00   | \$ 5.00            |
| Bethel .....        | 10.00          | 10.00         | 10.00            | 5.00      | 5.00      | 3.00               |
| Center Roads .....  |                |               |                  |           | 2.00      | 5.00               |
| Galeed .....        | 45.00          | 32.00         | 75.00            | 22.00     | 18.00     | 18.00              |
| Shady Grove .....   | 10.00          | 6.00          |                  | 4.00      | 5.00      | 5.00               |
| Sandy Grove .....   | 10.00          | 5.00          | 8.00             |           | 5.00      | 5.00               |
| Zion Mill .....     | 16.00          | 13.00         | 16.00            | 5.00      | 8.00      | 6.00               |
| Hickory Grove ..... | 25.00          | 25.00         | 25.00            | 6.00      | 5.00      | 10.00              |
| Loves Grove .....   | 20.00          | 12.00         | 10.50            | 5.00      | 12.00     | 5.00               |
| Elizabethtown ..... | 10.00          | 5.00          | 10.00            | 2.00      | 2.00      | 2.00               |
| Bladenboro .....    | 45.00          | 25.00         | 75.00            | 50.00     | 100.00    |                    |
| White Oak .....     | 40.00          | 20.00         | 25.00            | 10.00     | 40.00     | 20.00              |
| Total               | \$246.00       | \$161.00      | \$274.50         | \$114.00  | \$210.00  | \$ 84.00           |

# Treasurer's Report

## RECEIPTS;

|                                             |          |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| <i>State Missions</i> .....                 | \$ 53.91 |
| <i>Home Missions</i> .....                  | 15.55    |
| <i>Foreign Missions</i> .....               | 15.29    |
| <i>Association Missions</i> .....           | 2.00     |
| <i>Education</i> .....                      | 9.51     |
| <i>Orphanage</i> .....                      | 12.17    |
| <i>Ministers Relief</i> .....               | 14.94    |
| <i>Sunday Schools</i> .....                 | 4.13     |
| <i>Minute Fund</i> .....                    | 27.12    |
| <i>Minute Fund From Bladen Union</i> .....  | 2.00     |
| <i>Minute Fund From Central Union</i> ..... | 2.00     |
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## DISBURSMENTS

|                                                          |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
|                                                          | \$159.62  |
| <i>State Missions</i> .....                              | \$ 43.91  |
| <i>Home Missions</i> .....                               | 15.55     |
| <i>Foreign Missions</i> .....                            | 15.29     |
| <i>Association Missions</i> .....                        | 2.00      |
| <i>Education</i> .....                                   | 9.51      |
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| <i>Ministers Relief</i> .....                            | 14.94     |
| <i>Sunday Schools</i> .....                              | 4.13      |
| <i>Clerk of Association</i> .....                        | 10.00     |
| <i>Rev. A. J. Freeman way to B. S. Conventions</i> ..... | 10.00     |
| <i>Printing Minutes</i> .....                            | 21.00     |
| <i>Postage</i> .....                                     | 12        |
|                                                          | <hr/>     |
|                                                          | \$ 158.62 |

F. S. AVERITT.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES      |          |                    |          |                     |          |      |       |         |                  |                |                     |                      |             |                      |                |               |                  |           |                    |           |               |  |
|---------------|----------|--------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|------|-------|---------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------|--|
|               | Baptized | Received by Letter | Restored | Dismissed by Letter | Excluded | Died | Males | Females | Total Membership | Pastors Salary | Incidental Expenses | Building and Repairs | Minute Fund | Association Missions | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Education | Ministerial Relief | Orphanage | Other Objects |  |
| Browns Creek  | 3        | 1                  | 4        | 1                   | 1        | 15   | 40    | 55      | 50.00            |                |                     |                      | .55         | 1.37                 | 7.37           | .74           | 1.82             |           |                    |           |               |  |
| Abertsburg    | 5        | 9                  | 1        | 1                   | 2        | 28   | 44    | 72      | 120.00           |                |                     |                      | 1.00        |                      | 12.38          | 11.22         | 20.00            |           |                    |           |               |  |
| Bethel        |          |                    |          |                     |          | 48   | 52    | 100     | 130.00           |                |                     |                      | 1.77        |                      | 16.96          | 9.68          | 7.37             | 2.89      |                    |           |               |  |
| Brier Branch  |          |                    |          |                     |          | 13   | 47    | 60      | 50.00            |                |                     |                      | 1.00        |                      | .47            | 12.50         | 1.34             |           |                    |           |               |  |
| Center Roads  | 10       | 6                  | 3        | 5                   | 1        | 43   | 53    | 96      | 150.00           | 42.00          |                     |                      | 1.00        | 4.30                 | 6.52           | 4.17          | 3.50             |           |                    |           |               |  |
| Cypress Creek |          |                    |          |                     |          | 40   | 57    | 97      | 85.00            |                |                     |                      | 1.15        |                      | 1.80           | 1.80          | 1.80             |           |                    |           |               |  |
| Galed         | 22       | 1                  | 6        | 2                   | 2        | 74   | 117   | 191     | 206.00           | 13.10          |                     |                      | 2.00        | 8.80                 | 40.10          | 30.25         | 72.60            | 20.00     | 15.00              |           |               |  |
| Shady Grove   | 7        | 1                  | 6        | 4                   | 5        | 36   | 80    | 116     | 50.00            |                |                     |                      | .50         | .74                  | 1.37           | 1.12          |                  |           |                    |           |               |  |
| Sandy Grove   | 5        | 6                  | 3        | 2                   |          | 51   | 65    | 116     | 100.00           | 1.00           |                     | 1.35                 | .40         | 2.00                 | 5.00           | 6.20          | 7.15             |           |                    |           |               |  |
| White Lake    |          |                    |          |                     |          | 30   | 60    | 90      | 100.00           |                |                     |                      | 1.00        |                      | 10.00          | 5.00          | 5.00             |           |                    |           |               |  |
| Zion Hill     | 11       | 1                  | 2        | 9                   |          | 46   | 44    | 90      | 100.00           | 21.28          |                     |                      | 1.00        | 3.00                 | 16.00          | 12.00         | 15.00            | 5.00      | 6.00               |           |               |  |
| Beards Chapel | 14       |                    |          |                     | 5        | 32   | 42    | 74      | 50.00            |                |                     |                      | 1.50        |                      |                |               |                  |           |                    |           |               |  |
| Hickory Grove | 1        | 4                  |          | 9                   | 3        | 63   | 109   | 172     | 125.00           | 23.53          |                     |                      |             | 2.00                 | 6.00           | 10.16         | 51.00            | 3.65      | 4.50               | 8.00      | 3.51          |  |
| Loves Grove   |          | 1                  |          | 3                   | 1        | 26   | 34    | 60      | 100.00           |                |                     |                      | .65         |                      | 20.00          | 16.60         | 10.50            | 5.00      | 5.00               | 12.00     | 34.50         |  |
| Elizabethtown |          |                    |          |                     |          | 9    | 13    | 22      | 50.00            | 244.29         |                     |                      |             |                      | 21.10          | 8.82          | 7.21             | 3.76      | 2.50               | 1.80      |               |  |
| Mt. Zion      |          |                    |          |                     |          | 22   | 24    | 46      | 125.00           |                |                     |                      | .63         |                      | 5.67           | 4.67          | 14.32            | 1.90      |                    | 5.03      | 36.35         |  |
| Bladenboro    |          |                    |          |                     |          | 42   | 40    | 82      | 185.00           | 15.70          |                     |                      | 2.05        |                      | 53.93          | 42.34         | 53.87            | 44.05     | 18.60              | 91.75     | 3.85          |  |
| Garland       | 3        |                    |          |                     |          | 50   | 58    | 108     | 125.00           |                |                     |                      |             |                      | 6.50           | 3.61          | 5.70             |           |                    |           |               |  |
| White Oak     | 5        | 1                  |          | 4                   | 12       | 80   | 137   | 217     | 20.00            | 153.95         | 91.07               |                      | 2.60        |                      | 48.84          | 23.31         | 23.11            | 5.78      | 3.58               | 14.62     | 41.61         |  |
| Total         | 88       | 46                 | 16       | 52                  | 31       | 15   | 756   | 1125    | 1881             | 1921.00        | 514.84              | 713267               | 19.80       | 22.21                | 256.00         | 201.99        | 301.29           | 92.03     | 58.32              | 182.18    | 286.17        |  |

## Writers for Next Session

|                                      |                  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| State Missions .....                 | I. P. Hedgqeth,  |
| Foregin Missions .....               | R. J. Hester.    |
| Education .....                      | W. G. Moore.     |
| Orphanage.....                       | J. M. Fleming.   |
| Minister's Relief .....              | R. M. Hilburn.   |
| Sunday Schools .....                 | F. D. McLean,    |
| Periodicals .....                    | N. A. Layton.    |
| Intemperance .....                   | W. O. Melvin,    |
| To Southern Baptist Convention ..... | W. W. Woodhouse, |
| To Baptist State Convention .....    | A. J. Freeman,   |
| Member of Baptist State Board .....  | A. J. Freeman,   |









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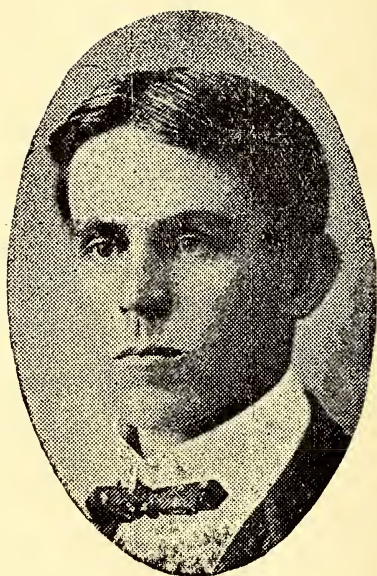
Prof. W. W. Woodhouse Mod. .... White Oak, N. C.  
 F. S. Averitt, Clerk and Treasurer .... Abbottsburg, “

## Executive Board

W W Woodhouse, Chairman ..... White Oak, N C  
 F S Averitt, Secretary ..... Abbottsburg, “  
 J N Sinletary ..... Bladenboro, “  
 D A Marshburn ..... Ham, “  
 R C Bridger ..... Bladenboro, “  
 D M Melvin ..... White Oak, “

## Ordained Ministers

Brisson, W M ..... Dublin, N C  
 Clark, D J ..... Elizabethtown, “  
 Freeman, A J ..... Bladenboro, “  
 Hilburn, R M ..... Bladenboro, “  
 Hilburn, D H ..... Bladenboro, “  
 Hester, S ..... Bladenboro, “  
 Johnson, D L ..... Elizabethtown, “  
 Pait David ..... Bladenboro, “



**W. W Woodhouse, Moderator.**

## PROCEEDINGS.

The twenty-second annual session of the Bladen County Baptist Association was held with the White Oak Baptist church. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. M. Hester, using the text Isiah, 52 chapter and 1st verse. A recess of one hour was then given, at the expiration of which the association re-assembled. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. R. Johnson. Revs. J. M. Flemming and J. M. Hester were appointed Reading Clerks and A. L. Tatum and R. J. Hester a committee on Finance. The officers of White Oak church were appointed a committee on Religious Exercises during the session. The church letters were then called for and read and names of delegates enrolled.

*Abbottsburg*-J A Jones, Fairly Cashwell

*Browns Creek*-By letter

*Brthel*-Mat Hester, S A King

*Brier Branch*-A Johnson, T G Vickers, O F Culbreth

*Beards Bhapel*-Not represented

*Bladenboro*-C W Deaver, A J Freeman

*Center Road*-E E Butler, O M Jones, Wm Carroll

*Cyrpess Creek*-J W Smith, J B Smith, R J Mitchel

*Elizabethtown*-By letter

*Emanuel*-W J Melvin, Pearlie Evans, W E Ellis

*Galeed*-F S Averitt, G C Frink

*Hickory Grove*-By letter

*Loves Grove*-Angus Kinlaw, W M Monroe

*Mt. Zion*-D H Newton, I M Newton, A A Johnson

*Mt. Pleasant*-Not represented

*Providence*-Not represennted

*Paradise*-Not represented

*Shady Grove*-By letter

*Sandy Grove*-F J Adams, C L Davis

*St. Joseph*-Not represented

*Thumb Swamp*-Not represented

*White Lake*-Not represented

*White Oak*-R T Melvin, D M Shaw, J A Rayfield  
*Zion Hill*-Irvin Edwards, Thurman Butler

The Association was then re-organized by re-electing Prof. W. W. Woodhouse, Moderator and F. S. Averitt Clerk and Treasurer. Revs. J. M. Flemming, J. M. Hester, from the Robeson Association; Rev. W. R. Johnson, from the Cumberland Association; J. M. Hameick, representing the Thomasville Orphanage, and W. M. Green, representing the Biblical Recorder, were welcomed to seats.

### *Report on Education.*

Christian education is the process of training for efficient soldiership in the army of King Immanuel.

This question does not require the answer of argument since we all know what the inevitable result would be. What chance for victory would an army of heathen soldiers have, with their crude and antiquated munitions of war, fighting against an army of well-trained and moderately equipped American soldiers? The importance of and necessity for specific training for official service in the army of the Kingdom is not an open question, since experience and the example of Jesus furnish indisputable evidence to the contrary. So, and reasonably so, if the army of our Lord is to make fresh and victorious conquests in the future, the individual constituency of the army must have a maximum degree of efficiency and know the arts and methods of successful warfare which includes an intelligent acknowledgment of the enemy. In view of this truth, the matter of response to the calls for help which come from the modern Macedonias all about us, I am inclined to think that we Baptist are too hasty in making our answers. Instead of meeting the calls with men well-equipped, conscious of strength and sure of victory, frequently, if not more often, we send men who opologize for going and who have a weakening sense of their own unfitness for the job. Can willingness to go ever compensate for lack of fitness to go? Is he not a poor Mathematician who adds weakness to weakness and claims that the right answer is strength? I affirm that the only way of adequately answering the calls for help coming from our weak points, in hamlet, town or rural community, is to send strong men who can command the situation. Since this course, to my mind, is the only sane and adequate one to pursue in solving the problem of



helping our weak churches, I have two recommendations to make which, if executed, will ultimately eliminate the weak men and place in his stead a well-equipped man.

1. We have got to set a standard of scholastic efficiency for our preachers. The preachers themselves must do it. In what way? By refusing to ordain into the ministry the scholastically unfit. I believe God calls men into the ministry in a peculiar way; and I no less believe that He calls them—if they are not prepared—to make the sacrifice for preparation. Our scholastic standard for the ministry is too low. Think of it! The apostles were not learned. But was not one or two years under the tuition of Jesus more than equivalent to a modern college or seminary course?

2. As a denomination we must support financially and by sending our children to distinctively denominational schools and colleges. Here are the training institutions which make the efficiency of our field work possible. In fact our distinctively denominational schools are the ganglionic nerve centers of our State Baptist system.

W. G. MOORE.

J. M. Hester spoke to the report, Pledges were then taken for education and the report adopted.

### *Foreign Missions.*

The command "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel" is as of much importance to day as when first spoken. The great world's heart is aching and God alone can heal it and God only can give the light. The ones to bear this message, my brother, is you and I, and millions that have heard. Christ was a missionary to all, in the home of Lazarus, when the Greeks came to Him, when He taught in Samaria. Christ was a Sunday School missionary when He set men to studying the word of God. He was a missionary to the children when He took them in His arms and blessed them. He was a missionary to the poor when He opened the eyes of the blind beggar, and even on the cross He was a missionary to the robber. There are millions in non-Christian lands who are starving for the Bread of Life. Will we not be missionaries to them? In what way can we reach them more effectively than to establish hospitals and heal the sick, the lame and those who are in need of physical as well as spiritual aid. When we administer unto sick and poverty stricken ones we reach the deepest recesses of the heart. Africa has 135,000,000 inhabitants with only 75 medical mission-

aries; India has 300,000,000 and only 200 medical missionaries; China has 350,000,000 with 241 medical missionaries; Japan has 42,000,000 and only 15 medical missionaries; Turkey has 22,000,000 and 38 medical missionaries; Persia has 9,000,000 and only 11 medical missionaries; Burmah has 7,500,000 and 9 medical missionaries. India is said to contain 66,800 lunatics; 153,000 deaf and dumb; 354,000 blind and 400,000 lepers. "The harvest truly is plenteous." The opportunity has never been greater. "Come over and help us" is the cry from all the dark countries of the world. It is an opportunity we have to give to this cause. To live in such an age as this is a great blessing to us. When we shall pass on the opportunity will close. Will we care for the dying? Will we heed the call? Will we use what God has given us for His glory?

R. J. HESTER.

J. M. Flemming spoke to the report. Pledges were then taken for Foreign Missions and the report adopted.

The association then adjourned 'till 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

### *Thursday Morning.*

Devotional exercises were conducted by A. J. Freeman, minutes of yesterday read and approved.

### *Report of Periodicals.*

The Biblical Recorder is the name of a paper, the pages of which are familiar or should be to every well regulated Baptist family in North Carolina.

It is the organ of the North Carolina Baptist and should be read by all, and keep posted on all objects and movements that tends to the upbuilding of the Baptist cause, and Christ's kingdom in North Carolina in particular and the world at large.

Charity and Children comes next for a large share of the patronage of the readers of our denomination, it being the organ of the Thomasville Orphanage, and no well regulated Sunday School can do well without it.

The Foreign Mission Journal should be read more extensively throughout our Association, what it is that we may be better posted on the work of our missionaries on foreign fields and be more anxious to give to the Foreign Mission cause.

The Home Field comes in for a liberal share of our patronage, that we may be better posted on the work carried on by our Home Mission Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

N. A. LAYTON.

N, A. Layton, W. M. Green and W. R. Johnson spoke to the report and the report adopted,

### *Report on Orphanage.*

When we say that North Carolina Baptists are proud of their Orphanage at Thomasville it is that they may be pardoned for any seeming selfishness that is possibly discovered because of the not vain repetition. We are justly proud of the Institution for two reasons, viz:

First. Because it is as nearly a home for the fatherless and motherless ones as it is possible to establish, it being out of the question for anyone to ever take the place of mother.

Second. Because it's the biggest one in the Southern States of America except the Texas Orphanage.

It is the best organized of all and is given as good a place in our Conventions and Associations as any other object fostered by the Baptists of the State.

On November 11th, 1885, 28 years ago, the first child was received and the last one enrolled this year runs the whole number cared for during this time up to 1420. There are now 411, in eleven families and an average of fifty applications a month. Most of them turned away for lack of room.

The expense bill averages about one hundred and fifteen dollars a day—two barrels of flour a day, four bushels of meal, a whole beef, ten bushels of sweet potatoes, and about five bushels of Irish potatoes when potatoes are used all around, and other things accordingly.

From about one-third of our 1800 Sunday Schools in the State come about 40 per cent of the current fund as a result of once a month collections.

Children are received between the ages of five and twelve and dismissed according to preparation rather than age.

The children go to school half the day and work the other half. There are two sets of teachers, one for the morning and one for the afternoon. A teacher and matron in each dormitory. The teacher has charge in matters of authority. There are twenty-eight women and seven men who devote all their time to the institution, and these bring every power to bear that makes for the best interests of the children in every way.

Let every Sunday School not now doing so begin at once taking a monthly collection for the orphans, and also take a club of at least ten copies of *Charity and Children*.

Respectfully Submitted.

J. M. FLEMING.

J. M. Fleming and J. M. Hamrick spoke to the report. A cash collection was then taken for the orphanage, amounting to \$8.05. Pledges were also taken for the orphanage, and the report adopted.

The association then adjourned for one hour.

### *Evening Session.*

The Association was called together by music. Prayer by J. M. Fleming.

Time and place of next meeting.

Place, Bladenboro Baptist Church.

Time, November 4th, 1914.

Preacher, Rev. J. M. Fleming.

On motion the clerk was instructed to cut out part of the report on Education.

### *Report on State Missions.*

The importance and value of the part that our State Mission work plays in the denominational life as carrying out the great commission of our Master is beyond computation.

State Missions lies under every other part of our Christian work; therefore it is basal.

It is Christ's message in Jerusalem, (the city); it is carrying His orders into effect in Judea, (the State); it is keeping on with the same message into Samaria, (Home Missions or preaching the Gospel in the states adjoining), and right on with the same soul-saving message across the seas until the uttermost part of the earth is reached, (Foreign Missions, Act. 1:8).

The figures of ten years will show how Foreign Missions in North Carolina has been affected by State Missions. In 1902 the Treasurer received for State Missions \$23,674.35 and for Foreign Missions \$11,752.65.

In 1912 the figures stood for State Missions \$47,931.91, and for Foreign Missions \$44,533.75. Thus, while State Missions has been increased one hundred per cent, Foreign Missions has gone forward nearly three hundred per cent, and the increase to Home Missions will compare favorably. State Missions is to all our work what the roots

are to the tree. It would be impossible for the limbs to grow if the roots did not take hold upon the soil and pass the life up into the body and limbs of the tree. As State Missions is developed, there is a corresponding development along all lines of our work.

Last year we had 150 missionaries, who preached at 335 churches and out stations. They preached 10,150 sermons held 231 meetings, baptized 1,607 people and received by letter 1,393. Then, twenty houses of worship were begun and twelve of them were finished. These missionaries reported contributions as follows:

|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Paid on pastor's salaries..... | \$26,898.42 |
| Church building.....           | 24,434.67   |
| Objects of convention.....     | 23,223.14   |
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|                                | 74,556.32   |

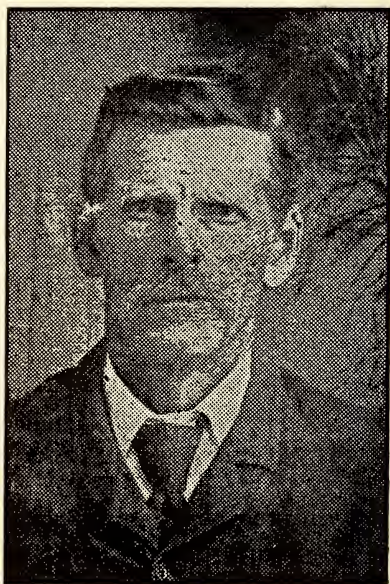
For the past three years \$5,000 a year has been appropriated to church building. This is part of the money contributed by the W. M. Societies and Sunbeams. During these three years \$15,000 have been appropriated to weak points that were struggling to build houses of worship. As a result, twenty houses of worship have been built at important points, and two have been purchased. The aggregate value of these houses of worship is at least \$50,000. By an expenditure of \$15,000 we have added \$50,000 to the value of our denominational property.

We do not believe that any money expended by the Board has brought richer returns than the amount appropriated to church building during the past three years.

It is a significant fact that at least two-thirds of the money contributed to the work of the Kingdom comes from the churches that were planted and fostered by the State Mission Board.

There is no other agency or administration conducted





**F. S. Averitt, Clerk.**

on quite such a successful and economic basis. After every item of expense is deducted from every phase of the administration, 94 1-2 cents out of every dollar go to mission work directly. Your committee heartily endorses and strongly recommends the work of State Missions.

Respectfully Submitted,

COMMITTEE.

J. M. Fleming spoke to the report. Pledges were then taken for State and Home Missions.

### *Report on Intemperance.*

The use of intoxicating liquors is one of the greatest evils throughout our entire country. Because of the effects of alcohol on mind and body it is responsible directly and indirectly in the United States for at least one-fourth to one-half of all poverty and neglect, for more than one-third of pauperism, for one-fifth of insanity and divorces, and one half on crime. The habitual user of alcohol may show some of its evil effects without ever reaching the stage of intoxication. In view of these facts, it is our opinion that it should be the duty of every Christian man and woman to help remove this evil, and especially to help enforce the Webb law to a fuller extent. We also believe that the effects of alcohol should be taught in the public schools, for it is by training the children of our homes that we are to make the greatest success in uprooting this evil. Strong drink is a deceiver and wine is a mocker.

W. O. MELVIN, Com.

Report adopted.

The Treasurer and the Finance committee submitted their reports. On motion the reports were received. The Treasurer was instructed to pay Rev. A. J. Freeman's way to the Baptist State Convention, out of the State Missions funds, on motion the clerk be allowed \$10.00 for his services.

A vote of thanks was extended the White Oak church and community for their hospitality during this session of the Association.

On motion the Association adjourned.

W. W. WOODHOUSE, *Moderator.*  
F. S. AVERITT, *Clerk.*

## PLEDGES FOR ENSUING YEAR

| Churches            | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Education | Orphanage | Ministerial Relief |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
| Abbottsburg .....   | \$15           | \$ 8          | \$20             | \$ 5      | \$ 8      | \$ 5               |
| Bethel .....        | 10             | 10            | 10               | 3         | 10        | 5                  |
| Bladenboro .....    | 40             | 30            | 80               | 40        | 100       | 20                 |
| Center Road .....   | 5              | 5             | 3                |           | 4         |                    |
| Cypress Creek ..... |                |               | 2                |           | 2         |                    |
| Elizabethtown ..... | 12             | 5             | 15               | 5         | 10        | 2                  |
| Galeed .....        | 60             | 60            | 30               | 20        | 18        | 8                  |
| Loves Grove .....   | 20             | 10            | 10               | 3         | 10        | 13                 |
| Mt. Zion .....      |                |               | 5                | 4         |           |                    |
| Sandy Grove.....    | 5              | 5             | 10               | 5         | 8         | 5                  |
| St. Joseph.....     |                |               |                  | 1         | 1         |                    |
| White Oak.....      | 40             | 25            | 30               | 20        | 45        | 20                 |
| Zion Hill.....      | 16             | 13            | 16               | 5         | 8         | 6                  |
| Total               | \$223          | \$171         | \$231            | \$111     | \$224     | \$84               |

# HISTORICAL TABLE

Of The Bladen County Baptist Association.

| DATE | Place of Meeting    | Moderators    | Secretaries  | Preachers          |
|------|---------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 1892 | Mt. Pleasant.....   | William Brunt | H B Register | W S Melvin         |
| 1893 | Cypress Creek ..... | "             | "            | A J Brodax         |
| 1894 | Galeed.....         | "             | F S Averitt  | R L Byrd           |
| 1895 | White Oak.....      | "             | "            | William Brisson    |
| 1896 | Hickory Grove ..... | "             | "            | William Brunt      |
| 1897 | Clarkton .....      | W S Melvin    | "            | C E Beard          |
| 1898 | White Oak .....     | "             | "            | I P Hedgpeth       |
| 1899 | Frenches Creek..... | "             | "            | E J Edwards        |
| 1900 | Mt. Pleasant.....   | "             | "            | W. S Ballard       |
| 1901 | Garland.....        | "             | "            | H C Dillard        |
| 1902 | Galeed.....         | "             | "            | R L Byrd           |
| 1903 | White Oak.....      | "             | "            | R L Byrd           |
| 1904 | Shady Grove.....    | William Brunt | "            | A H Porter         |
| 1905 | White Lake .....    | "             | "            | J S Farmer         |
| 1906 | Hickory Grove ..... | R M Hilburn   | "            | H B Humphrey       |
| 1907 | White Oak.....      | "             | "            | P T Britt          |
| 1908 | Abbottsburg .....   | "             | "            | Livingston Johnson |
| 1909 | White Lake .....    | "             | "            | O P Meeks          |
| 1910 | Zion Hill.....      | "             | "            | A L Betts          |
| 1911 | White Oak.....      | W W Woodhouse | "            | I P Hedgpeth       |
| 1912 | Bethel.....         | "             | "            | J M Fleming        |
| 1913 | White Oak.....      | "             | "            | J M Hester         |

## SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

| Sunday Schools      | Months Kept Open | School Expenses | Contributions | No. Scholars | Teachers and Officers | Superintendents            |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Abbottsburg .....   | 12               | 1614            | 3414          | 58           | 7                     | J R Atkinson, Abbottsburg  |
| Browns Creek .....  | 12               | 144             | 144           | 15           | 2                     | W B Hester, Elizabethtown  |
| Bethel .....        | 12               | 729             | 1824          | 90           | 6                     | C W King, Dublin           |
| Brier Branch .....  | 9                |                 |               | 40           | 6                     | C L Long, Parkersburg      |
| Bladenboro .....    | 12               | 4000            | 13700         | 110          | 10                    | H C Bridger, Bladenboro    |
| Center Road .....   | 12               | 200             | 200           | 80           | 6                     | O M Joes, Guyton           |
| Cypress Creek ..... | 12               | 400             | 1600          | 45           | 4                     | W R Smith, Garland         |
| Elizabethtown ..... | 12               | 1183            | 3227          | 34           | 6                     | W J Davis Elizabethtown    |
| Emannel .....       | 12               | 500             | 500           | 35           | 8                     | W E Allen, White Oak       |
| Galeed .....        | 12               | 1757            | 5195          | 103          | 9                     | T C Hillburn, Abbottsburg  |
| Loves Grove .....   | 12               | 1100            | 4944          | 57           | 6                     | W T Hall, Tar Heel         |
| Mt. Zion .....      | 12               | 300             | 3485          | 50           | 5                     | F F Newton, Kerr           |
| Shady Grove .....   | 12               |                 |               | 50           | 6                     | J D McKeithan, Abbottsburg |
| Sandy Grove .....   | 12               | 547             | 1347          | 49           | 5                     | F J Adams, Clarkton        |
| White Oak .....     | 12               | 2200            | 6052          | 00           | 5                     | N A Layton, White Oak      |
| Zion Hill .....     | 12               | 1150            | 1150          | 75           | 14                    | E E Hester, Bladenboro     |



## Report of W. M. S. and S. B. Societies.

### *Bladenboro Women's Missionary Society.*

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| <i>State missions</i> .....   | \$ 8.60 |
| <i>Home missions</i> .....    | 11.50   |
| <i>Foreign missions</i> ..... | 20.50   |
| <i>Other objects</i> .....    | 1.00    |
|                               | <hr/>   |
|                               | \$41.60 |

MRS. H. C. BRIDGER, Pres.

### *White Oak Women's Missionary Society.*

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| <i>State missions</i> .....   | \$3.10 |
| <i>Home missions</i> .....    | 1.45   |
| <i>Foreign missions</i> ..... | 2.53   |
| <i>Other objects</i> .....    | 1.00   |
|                               | <hr/>  |
|                               | \$8.08 |

MRS. MARY MELVIN, Pres.

### *Bladenboro Sunbeams.*

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| <i>State missions</i> .....   | \$6.50  |
| <i>Home missions</i> .....    | 6.32    |
| <i>Foreign missions</i> ..... | 8.75    |
|                               | <hr/>   |
|                               | \$21.57 |

MRS. H. C. BRIDGER, Pres.

## Finance Report

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| <i>State missions</i> .....   | \$40.00  |
| <i>Home missions</i> .....    | 7.09     |
| <i>Foreign Missions</i> ..... | 25.58    |
| <i>Orphanage</i> .....        | 18.67    |
| <i>Education</i> .....        | 12.05    |
| <i>Ministers relief</i> ..... | 23.13    |
| <i>Minute fund</i> .....      | 20.99    |
|                               | <hr/>    |
|                               | \$147.51 |

S. L. TATUM  
R. J. HESTER  
Committee

## Treasurer's Report

### RECEIPTS

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| State missions .....                 | \$40.12  |
| Home missions .....                  | 2.55     |
| Foreign missions .....               | 26.23    |
| Association Missions .....           | 2.55     |
| Education .....                      | 8.95     |
| Orphanage .....                      | 16.97    |
| Ministers relief .....               | 5.62     |
| Minute fund .....                    | 22.23    |
| Minute fund from Central Union ..... | 4.50     |
| Minute fund from Bladen Union .....  | 2.00     |
|                                      | <hr/>    |
|                                      | \$131.72 |

### DISBURSEMENTS.

|                                                     |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| State missions .....                                | \$34.12  |
| Home missions .....                                 | 2.55     |
| Foreign missions .....                              | 26.53    |
| Association missions .....                          | 2.55     |
| Education .....                                     | 8.95     |
| Orphanage .....                                     | 16.67    |
| Ministers relief .....                              | 5.62     |
| Printing minutes .....                              | 17.00    |
| Clerk of association .....                          | 10.00    |
| Rev. A. J. Freeman's, way to B. S. Convention ..... | 6.00     |
| Express and postage .....                           | .58      |
| To balance minute fund .....                        | 1.15     |
|                                                     | <hr/>    |
|                                                     | \$131.71 |

F. S. AVERITT, Treas.

### **Writers for next Session**

|                                     |               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| State missions.....                 | J M Fleming   |
| Foreign missions.....               | A J Freeman   |
| Home missions.....                  | W W Woodhouse |
| Orphanage.....                      | F S Averitt   |
| Sunday Schools .....                | R L Byrd      |
| Ministers relief.....               | O M Jones     |
| Education.....                      | R T Melvin    |
| Intemperance.....                   | D J Clark     |
| Womans work .....                   | I P Hedgpeth  |
| To Southern Baptist Convention..... | H C Bridger   |
| To Baptist State Convention .....   | A J Freeman   |
| Member of Baptist State Board.....  | A J Freeman   |

## CHURCHES, CLERKS AND PASTORS

| CHURCHES            | CLERKS                       | PASTORS                      |
|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Abbottsburg .....   | G. W. Smith, Abbottsburg     | R. E. Sentell, Lumberton     |
| Browns Creek .....  | W. B. Hester, Elizabethtown  | A. J. Freeman, Bladenboro    |
| Bathel .....        | C. W. King, Dublin           | R. L. Byrd, St. Pauls        |
| Brier Branch .....  | C. L. Long, Parkersburg      | A. J. Freeman, Bladenboro    |
| Beards Chapel ..... |                              |                              |
| Bladenboro .....    | J. G. Freeman, Bladenboro    | I. P. Hedgpeth, Lumberton    |
| Center Road .....   | M. C. Kinlaw, Richardson     | R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro    |
| Cypress Creek ..... | W. S. Smith, Garland         | W. R. Johnson, Cedar Creek   |
| Elizabethtown ..... | N. P. Murcer, Elizabethtown  | J. M. Fleming, Lumberton     |
| Emmanuel .....      | W. J. Melvin, White Oak      | R. L. Byrd, St. Pauls        |
| Galeed .....        | T. G. Hilburn, Abbottsburg   | R. N. Cashwell, Lumberton    |
| Hickory Grove ..... | Seth Lewis, Richardson       | R. S. Lennon, Freeman        |
| Loves Grove .....   | L. B. Grimes, Tar Heel       | R. L. Byrd, St. Pauls        |
| Mt. Zion .....      | D. P. Russ, Tomahawk         | S. B. Wilson, Delway         |
| Mt. Pleasant .....  |                              |                              |
| Paradise .....      |                              |                              |
| Providence .....    |                              |                              |
| Shady Grove .....   | J. D. McKeithan, Abbottsburg | D. L. Johnson, Downingsville |
| Sandy Grove .....   | J. F. Adams, Clarkton        | D. L. Johnson, Elizabethtown |
| St. Joseph .....    |                              |                              |
| Thumb Swamp .....   |                              |                              |
| White Lake .....    |                              |                              |
| White Oak .....     | A. L. Tatum, White Oak       | J. M. Fleming, Lumberton     |
| Zion Hill .....     | M. Hester, Bladenboro        | R. L. Byrd, St. Pauls        |





# STATISTICAL TABLE

| Churches      | Baptized | Received by Letters | Restored | Dismissed by Letters | Excluded | Died | Males | Females | Total Membership | Pastors Salary | Building and Repairs | Incidentals | S. C. Expenses | The Poor | Minute Fund | Associational Missions | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | S. S. Missions | Orphanage | Education | Ministerial Relief | Other Objects |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |     |    |     |    |
|---------------|----------|---------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|------|-------|---------|------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|----------|-------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|---------------|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|----|
| Abbotsburg    | 1        |                     |          | 3                    | 1        | 57   | 41    | 68      | 120 00           | 17 00          | 28 23                | 34 14       |                |          | 1 63        | 1 34                   | 15 02          | 8 00          | 20 00            |                |           | 16 80     | 5 00               | 5 00          |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |     |    |     |    |
| Brown's Creek |          |                     |          |                      |          | 15   | 40    | 55      | 50 00            | 25 00          |                      |             | 1 44           |          |             | 1 00                   | 6 85           | 69            | 5 75             |                |           |           |                    |               |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |     |    |     |    |
| Bethel        | 9        | 1                   | 1        | 3                    | 1        | 53   | 52    | 105     | 125 00           |                |                      |             | 7 29           |          | 85          |                        | 10 00          | 10 00         | 10 00            |                |           | 11 95     | 5 00               | 3 00          |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |     |    |     |    |
| Brier Branch  | 1        |                     | 2        | 2                    | 2        | 14   | 44    | 58      | 50 00            |                |                      |             |                |          | 75          | 4 00                   | 2 51           |               |                  |                | 30        |           |                    |               |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |     |    |     |    |
| Bladenboro    |          | 7                   |          | 2                    |          | 45   | 42    | 87      | 225 00           | 5000 00        |                      |             | 40 00          |          | 5 00        |                        | 63 28          | 54 28         | 41 80            |                |           | 165 77    |                    | 55 92         |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |     |    |     |    |
| Center Road   |          | 1                   | 3        |                      | 1        | 42   | 58    | 100     | 150 00           |                |                      |             |                |          | 65          |                        | 5 47           | 4 82          | 1 00             | 2 00           |           |           |                    | 80            |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |     |    |     |    |
| Cypress Creek | 12       |                     | 1        | 1                    | 2        | 43   | 66    | 109     | 85 00            | 10 00          |                      |             | 4 00           | 12 00    | 65          |                        |                |               |                  |                |           |           |                    | 5 85          |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |     |    |     |    |
| Elizabethtown | 7        | 4                   | 1        | 1                    |          | 11   | 22    | 33      | 75 00            |                | 143 23               | 11 83       | 2 00           | 2 50     | 2 50        |                        | 19 03          | 14 13         | 11 05            | 5 47           |           | 28 50     | 10 00              | 4 47          |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |     |    |     |    |
| Emanuel       | 3        | 2                   |          |                      |          | 9    | 18    | 27      | 75 00            | 3 00           | 11 00                | 5 00        |                |          | 50          |                        | 4 26           | 1 00          | 3 43             |                |           |           |                    | 15 00         |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |     |    |     |    |
| Galeed        |          | 1                   | 1        | 6                    | 4        | 74   | 103   | 177     | 183 00           |                | 11 28                | 17 57       |                |          | 3 30        | 6 35                   | 44 90          | 32 00         | 70 00            |                |           | 33 90     | 50 20              | 18 00         |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |     |    |     |    |
| Hickory Grove | 1        |                     |          | 7                    | 3        | 1    | 57    | 109     | 166              | 125 00         |                      |             |                | 5 51     |             | 2 32                   | 25 00          | 26 37         | 3 68             |                |           | 7 00      |                    |               |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |     |    |     |    |
| Loves Grove   | 12       | 2                   | 1        | 2                    | 2        | 30   | 39    | 69      | 125 00           |                |                      |             | 11 00          |          | 1 55        |                        | 20 00          | 12 35         | 10 50            | 1 00           |           | 18 75     | 5 00               | 5 00          |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |     |    |     |    |
| Mt. Zion      | 5        | 1                   |          | 2                    |          | 21   | 26    | 47      | 150 00           |                |                      |             | 3 00           |          | 1 00        |                        | 7 16           | 3 00          | 4 00             | 15 55          |           | 464       | 3 59               | 24 25         |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |     |    |     |    |
| Shady Grove   | 2        |                     | 1        | 2                    |          | 34   | 77    | 111     | 60 00            |                |                      |             |                |          | 30          |                        | 1 00           | 1 77          | 2 50             |                | 3 91      |           |                    | 25 21         |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |     |    |     |    |
| Sandy Grove   | 4        | 3                   |          | 1                    | 3        | 57   | 60    | 117     | 79 40            |                | 7 63                 | 5 47        |                |          | 20          |                        | 10 00          | 5 00          | 8 00             |                | 8 00      | 2 05      | 5 00               |               |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |     |    |     |    |
| White Oak     |          | 4                   |          | 6                    | 1        | 1    | 82    | 123     | 215              | 200 00         |                      | 45 00       | 22 00          |          | 2 50        |                        | 41 94          | 20 00         | 25 00            | 10 00          |           | 60 48     | 11 70              | 20 00         |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |     |    |     |    |
| Zion Hill     |          |                     | 1        | 4                    | 3        | 1    | 42    | 41      | 83               | 100 00         |                      | 20 82       | 11 50          |          | 1 00        | 3 13                   | 19 00          | 13 00         | 16 00            |                | 8 00      | 5 00      | 6 00               |               |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |     |    |     |    |
| Totals        | 46/24    | 9/43                | 17/14    | 666/961              | 1627     | 1934 | 00    | 5055    | 00               | 266            | 19                   | 174         | 20             | 19       | 51          | 22                     | 88             | 18            | 14               | 288            | 52        | 206       | 41                 | 232           | 70 | 43 | 00 | 198 | 00 | 67 | 84 | 129 | 04 | 110 | 00 |

There was no report received from, Beards Chapel, Mt. Pleasant, Paradise, Providence, St. Joseph, Thumb Swamp and White Lake.





A. H. Parker

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N. A. Layton, Mod.....White Oak  
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J. N. Singletary.....Bladenboro  
D. A. Marshburn.....Ham  
R. C. Bridger.....Bladenboro  
D. M. Melvin.....White Oak

### Ordained Ministers

Brisson, W M.....Dublin  
Clark, D J.....Elizabethtown  
Freeman, A J.....Bladenboro  
Hilburn, R M.....Bladenboro  
Hester, S .....Bladenboro  
Johnson, D L.....Elizabethtown  
Pait David.....Bladenboro

# Delegates and Writers

Delegate to S. B. Convention, *H. C. Bridger*  
Delegates to B. S. Convention, *A. J. Freeman*  
*and J. M. Hester*  
Member of Baptist State Board, *A. J. Freeman*

## Writers for Next Session

State Missions ..... *R. J. Hester*  
Foreign Missions ..... *I. P. Hedgepeth*  
Home Missions ..... *A. J. Freeman*  
Orphanage ..... *N. A. Layton*  
Sunday Schools ..... *J. T. Averitt*  
Ministers Relief ..... *F. D. McLean*  
Education ..... *J. M. Hester*  
Periodicals ..... *A. L. Tatum*  
Intemperance ..... *D. H. Hilburn*  
Woman's Work ..... *J. M. Flemming*

## Finance Report

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| State Missions.....    | \$ 24.89 |
| Home Missions.....     | 14.57    |
| Foreign Missions ..... | 8.00     |
| Education.....         | 12.30    |
| Orphanage.....         | 11.56    |
| Ministers Relief.....  | 18.50    |
| Sunday Schools.....    | 2.00     |
| Minute Fund.....       | 26.90    |
|                        | <hr/>    |
|                        | \$118.72 |

*A. L. TATUM, F. D. McLEAN, Committee*





# Delegates

Abbottsburg- *J. T. Averitt, J. L. Hall, J. T. Thompson.*

Browns Creek- *Not represented*

Bethel- *Not represented.*

Brier Branch- *M. Johnson.*

Beards Chapel- *Not represented.*

Bladenboro- *R. L. Bridger, S. Hester, J. W. Callahan.*

Brooklyn- *R. B. Clark, W. R. Sellers.*

Center Road, *O. M. Jones, Chas. Pait, A. C. Henning.*

Cypress Creek- *By letter.*

Elizabethtown- *By letter.*

Emmanuel- *By letter.*

Galeed- *F. D. McLean, Geo. Lennon.*

Hickory Grove- *J. N. Singletary, E. J. Joheson Seth Lewis.*

Loves Grove- *A. Kinlaw, W. M. Monroe J. F. Lockey.*

Mt. Zion- *By letter.*

Mt. Pleasant- *Not represented.*

Providence- *Not represented.*

Paradise- *Not represented.*

Shady Grove- *R. E. F. Cook.*

Sandy Grove- *A. H. Dove, D. E. Pait, J. F. Cain.*

St. Joseph- *Not reprerented.*

Thumb Swamp- *Not represented.*

White Lake- *By letter.*

White Oak- *A, S. Cain, F. P. Thomas, A. L. Tatum.*

Whites Creek- *By letter.*

Zion Hill- *J. F. Hilburn, Evander Singletary, L. F. Hester.*

# *Proceedings*

The twenty-third annual session of the Bladen County Association met Nov. 4th, 1914, with the Bladenboro Baptist church. The introductory sermon was preached by Dr. Livingston Johnson, from the text Deuteronomy 32:30. The Association then took a recess of one hour, at the expiration of which the Association re-assembled. In the absence of the moderator, W. W. Woodhouse, the Association was called to order by the clerk. Upon motion, A. J. Freeman was chosen temporary chairman. The Association then re-organized by electing N. A. Layton moderator and F. S. Averitt clerk and treasurer. The Association was led in prayer by Bro. A. Johnson. F. D. McLane and A. L. Tatum were appointed a committee on Finance, and the pastor and deacons of Bladenboro church a committee on Religious Exercises during the session. On motion, the reading of the church letters was omitted and the letters turned over to the Finance committee.

The following brethren were welcomed to seats, viz: Dr. Livingston Johnson, of the State Board of Missions; Archie Johnson, of the Thomsville Orphanage; W. M. Greene, of the Biblical Recorder; Bros. I. P. Hedgpeth, W. R. Davis, J. M. Flemming, R. N. Cashwell, R. L. Byrd, John Prevatt and Dr. R. T. Allen, of the Robeson Association, and Rev. A. H. Porter, of the Columbus Association. W. M. Greene spoke in the interest of the Biblical Recorder.

## *Orphanage Report.*

So far Orphanage work has been the principal form of our benevolence largely because it has been showing

the most tangible results. It has been said by some that it is necessary only to let the people know the needs of the Orphanage and they will be supplied. The coming year will show whether this is true or not. With only four hundred and thirty children we have fallen behind.

Children are already being received at the Kennedy Home. Fifty-three are now there. The Miles Durham nursery for very small children, at Thomasville, will be completed before the winter months. If this is filled with children and we provide for those that are being received at the Kennedy Home, the current expenses must be increased \$10,000 over last year. It means that we must increase our contributions to this most worthy and needy cause at least 25 per cent. Will this association not go on record favoring this additional increase?

Among North Carolina Baptists nothing has so enlisted men and women in the work of the kingdom as the Orphanage work. It has been the agency for the promotion of harmony, liberality and consecration. Thus in the larger work of the kingdom the little child is the leader.

Since the reception of the first child, Nov. 11, 1885, 1550 have been enrolled and the present number is 430 (with about 500 by the end of the year.) Average cost per child \$107.64 a year. The health record of the children for the past year has been remarkable, there being no deaths and few cases of serious illness.

A splendid auditorium will be completed within a year. The erection of this important and greatly needed building was made possible by the bequest of the late Dr. S. W. Little, of Davie County, whose honored name it will bear. Three new school rooms have been added with improvements on the old school building. A tenth grade has been put in the school course for the purpose of giving those who leave us a better preparation for life's struggles.

We would again urge and recommend: (1). That every Sunday school set aside one Sunday in each month as Orphanage day. (2). A club of Charity & Children in each Sunday school and an individual copy to pastors and all homes that are not represented in the Sunday school. (3). A liberal Thanksgiving offering emphasizing the importance of "WORK DAY," giving not less than one day's work to the Orphanage.

Finally brethren let us keep in mind the appeal of the LARGER ORPHANAGE and remember as we save the

child, we not only save the State, hut we save ourselves and in doing this we find our greatest happiness

F. S. AVERITT, Com.

Archie Johnson spoke to the report. A cash collection of \$2.21 was taken for the Orphanage. Pledges were also taken for the Thomasville Orphanage, and the report adopted.

### *Report on State Missions.*

Not only do we emphasize with all certainty that John 3:16 is an expression of Missions as the colossal thought in the great mind of God, but the Patmos Exile—Rev. 14:6—saw that Heaven was still interested in the same great cause.

The New Testament all through shows God's purpose to be salvation, the Gospel as His plan, and the world His field.

It is a significant fact that all people have a worshiping spirit within them and that Christianity is the only religion that has a heavenly Father; and a further fact, that there is no religion, freedom nor redemption apart from the Gospel.

The difference between the dog asylum in India and the Orphan's home here is the grace of God in the hearts of men and women.

Catholicism in its simplest form is no more than heathenism incited into a social temple of idolatry. "They set the statue of Paul upon the column of Marcus Aurelius and worshiped Jupiter as Peter and their Christianity is but a graft on heathen civilization."

But we are profoundly gratified in being able to say that the Baptists represent the purest type of Christianity, having the New Testament for their rule.

They believe in individual religion. They believe in individual religion. They believe that "God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." They do not believe that civilization can save, For Rome lost out under her bestlaws, and Greece fell when she had her finest literature. Therefore, Christ in the heart is the only power that can purify a life or preserve a nation.

This is why the State Mission Board exists, and this is the doctrine State Mission preaches. "Christianity was missionary from the start. That is the very heart of

the thing. That is the genius of the machine, and it was not made to run on any narrow gage."

Our State mission work in North Carolina has yielded the richest returns and the most glorious fruitage for the Master of any agency ever inaugurated. Last year the missionaries reported 2,688 professions of faith. The Baptists expended \$50,000 in order to bring about this tangible and gratifying result. This was just the approximate cost of killing two men in the European war now on. The contest is very readily seen.

The 246,000 Baptists in North Carolina should be proud of the privilege of contributing the \$55,000 asked for by the Convention for the work this year.

Respectfully submitted

J. M. FLEMMING, Com.

Dr. Livingston Johnson spoke to the report. Pledges were then taken for State Missions and the report adopted. Letters from Whites Creek and Brooklin (newly organized churches) asking admission into this Association were read. Revs. I. P. Hedgpeth and R. L. Byrd were appointed a committee to examine their articles of faith, and report to-morrow. The committee on religious exercises reports that Rev. R. L. Byrd will preach to-night. The Association then adjourned by benediction by Dr. Johnson 'till 9:30 a. m. to-morrow.

## *Second Day.*

Devotional exercises conducted by the moderator. Rev. R. L. Byrd led in prayer. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Revs. C. L. Greaves, A. A. Butler and R. E. Lee, Esq., were welcomed to seats.

I. P. Hedgpeth and A. J. Freeman reported on Ministerial relief, and pledges taken for said cause.

### *Report on Sunday Schools.*

Christ said to his disciples "Go ye, therefore and teach all nations." The little word "go" means a great



deal; it means work for the Master. The great object of the Sunday school is to teach the Bible as we believe it. The Sunday school cause is growing in favor with our people in progressive steps year by year, and yet the just measure of zeal has not been attained by our brethern in this department of Christian activity. We need to utilize all possible agencies for the advancement of Christ's kingdom. The agency under the church and next to the church which is the greatest factor in this work is the Sunday school. Therefore, every church should have an active Sunday school.

We believe the church is responsible for the maintenance and well-being of the Sunday school, and this being true, we ought to enlist if possible every member in the Sunday School.

We recommend: 1st. That every church engage in a campaign to enlist every church member in the Sunday school.

2nd. That we request our officers and teachers to take a course of Bible study and thus better prepare themselves for teaching God's word.

3rd. That we use the literature of our Sunday School Board.

4th. That we urge our churches to pledge for this as for the other mission objects and then ask the Sunday school to redeem this pledge.

R. L. BYRD, Com.

R. E. Lee spoke to the report. Report adopted.

### *Report on Foreign Missions.*

The present force of workers embraces just 300, of which number 20 are under appointment, but have not yet sailed for their respective fields of labor. In addition to these home-sent missionaries we have on the combined fields 635 native workers.

The work prospers on nearly all the fields; 5,252 converts were baptized last year, the largest number ever reported for a single year. Conditions at this hour give promise of still more abundant fruits, if we take advantage of the opportunities opening to us everywhere.

But our success and our opportunities have laid responsibilities upon us and make insistent demands of us which we cannot ignore without turning much of our success into failure, and throwing away our God-given opportunity for still larger achievements. Multitudes have

been ready for the Word of Life; thousands are awaiting training in the Christian life and for the Christian service; our schools are overflowing; a score of consecrated young men and women are offering themselves to the Board for the needed work; and untouched fields invite us to harvest. Need and opportunity never combined in such a challenge to Southern Baptists. Nothing less than immediate and immense enlargement can answer this challenge, and set us in a place of great honor, usefulness and advantage for our gospel.

Shall we prove ourselves worthy of so signal a favor as God is ready to bestow upon us? We are sufficient in numbers, capable in talents and leadership and able in material resources. We can meet the challenge of a great opportunity if we will.

Gifts to the work advanced \$44,000 last year over the previous year. But one-half of our people had no part in this advance, and consequently had no part in the blessed results accomplished, and will have no part in the glorious rewards to be bestowed.

In order to increase intelligence concerning this great work of the denomination, and to enable all our people to work together harmoniously toward the same end, we recommend and urge that the Foreign Mission Journal be taken and read by every Baptist family within our bounds, and to secure so desirable an end, we suggest that each pastor in the Association appoint a committee in each church of which he is pastor, to canvass the membership with this object in view. All our people ought to be well informed about a work so great as this giving the gospel to lost nations, and the Journal is the publication which the denomination uses to give this information.

A. J. FREEMAN, Com.

A. J. Freeman and C. L. Greaves spoke to the report. Pledges taken for Foreign Missions and reports adopted. The Association then adjourned for one hour.

## *Evening Session.*

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. M. Hester Rev. A. A. Butler led in prayer:

The next session of the Association to be held with the White Oak church, commencing on Wednesday after the first Sunday in November, 1915.

Rev. R. L. Byrd to preach the introductory sermon.

## *Report on Education.*

There is a greater need than ever before for an increased effort on the part of Baptists to provide for better trained leaders. There has been a day when the necessity for educated leaders was not so urgent but that day has passed. Our leaders, in order to accomplish their maximum amount of good, must hold themselves above the level of intelligence of the people. Our people have made considerable progress in education, so it behooves us to see that our leaders keep pace with them. The only way to do this is through the colleges and secondary schools. Of these there are three colleges and sixteen secondary schools in North Carolina under direct control of the Baptist denomination and demanding our support.

Our work in education may be considered in three main divisions, viz: Ministerial education the training of young women for service as missionaries and the training of leaders for work in our home churches.

The committee deems it unnecessary to discuss the first two divisions fully, because we already realize, to some extent, the great need of well-trained ministers and missionaries. The lack of sufficient interest in this matter is shown by the fact that only nine of twenty-four churches in our Association made any contribution for ministerial education last year.

But we do wish to urge the necessity for an increased effort to provide for better trained lay-leaders in our home churches. By these we mean the leaders in our Sunday Schools, prayer meetings, B. Y. P. U's. and other church organizations. One of the greatest drawbacks in our church work today is the lack of trained leaders. Where do our ministers get their initial training? Formerly, they received a great deal of it in the Christian home, but there seems to be but very few parents now who try to induce their sons to enter the ministry. So, if our young men of the present generation are induced to heed the call of the ministry, the pressure must be brought to bear mainly through the Sunday Schools, the B. Y. P. U and the Prayer meeting. And it is through these agencies that they must get their early training. Now, this is what the committee wishes to urge upon the Association. We need to provide special normal courses for Sunday School

superintendents, teachers and other leaders in church work where they may prepare themselves, free of charge, to become more proficient in their work. Our State Government recognizes the need for well-trained teachers in our day schools and it provides free tuition in our state institutions for those who intend to teach. Now, if this is necessary in our day schools, isn't it still more important that we properly train those who are to be leaders in our church work? The committee doesn't wish to dictate any plans for this work, it merely wishes to call attention to the need of more active effort along this line and to open the matter for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. T. MELVIN, Com.

Revs. J. M. Hester and A. A. Butler spoke to the report. Pledges taken for Education and report adopted.

### *Report of Woman's Work.*

The first Woman's Missionary Society was organized in Fredericksburg, Va., in 1814. It was organized the same year that the tri-ennial was formed by the Baptist. They were to pay one dollar annually Jan. 1.

The purpose of it is to broaden the horizon. Other religions are local or national, but the distinctive feature of Christianity is that it is universal.

The object of Woman's Work is three-fold. (1) To stimulate a broader religious development on the part of the Baptist women and girls of the State; to train the children in Christian work and to enlist them in active personal service for the salvation of the lost in their own community. (2) To receive and distribute missionary information, to stimulate effort, to encourage the organization of Missionary Societies and Bands among the women, young people and the children. (3) To encourage the earnest systematic co-operation of women and children in contributing money for missions at home and abroad.

The gifts of the women and junior societies in North Carolina last year were \$30,284.18. This year they set the mark for \$42,535. The Bladen County Association is asked for \$60 of this amount. We recommend that there be a Baptist Missionary Union organized in this Association, and that as soon as possible Mission societies and Sunbeam bands be organized in all the churches. If there

is no suitable women to take up the matter, that the pastor aid in the work. Also, that a vice-President be appointed to look after the work in general.

I. P. HEDGPETH, Com.

Revs. I. P. Hedgpeth and A. A. Butler spoke to the report. Report adopted. The committee to report on Whites Creek and Brooklin churches reported favorable, and on motion they were received to membership in this Association. The committee on religious exercises reports preaching to-night by Rev. J. M. Hester. The Association then adjourned 'till 9:30 a. m. to-morrow.

## *Third Day.*

Devotional exercises concluded by the moderator. Rev. A. J. Freeman led in prayer. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Rev. A. J. Freeman, N. A. Layton, F. S. Averitt, F. D. McLean and F. J. Addams were appointed a committee to report on condition of churches at the next session of the Association.

J. M. Hester, I. P. Hedgpeth and A. A. Hilburn reported on Intemperance and the report adopted.

### *Report on Intemperance*

Inasmuch as scientific investigation has revealed the fact that intoxicating liquor is not necessary under any circumstance; and that it is ruinous to both soul and body; the churches should use every means available to utterly exterminate it.

Intoxicating liquor fills graves with suicides, coffins with murdered wives, and our orphanage with homeless little ones.; it makes starving mothers and children and in remuneration for the two billion dollars wrung annually from the hands of toil it gives to this nation alone three thousand murdered wives, five thousand suicides, ten thousand murders, one hundred thousand orphans, one hundred thousand paupers, one hundred thousand criminals, one hundred thousand fallen boys and girls, and one hundred thousand men



and women who fill the graves of drunkards. Therefore we recommend:

1. That the churches join heartily with the forces operating for nation-wide prohibition, and that we set apart one service during the year as temperance rally service.

2. That the churches make the manufacture, sale and use of wine and other intoxicating beverages a subject of clear-cut discipline.

3. That the churches strive to create and maintain a sentiment for the proper enforcement of our prohibition laws

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. HESTER

## *Report on Home Missions.*

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the earth." Samaria represents the territory in which the Home board is doing work. Home Missions is that phase of mission work which includes Cuba, the Canal Zone, the foreigners in our great cities, the colored people of the South, and the mountain schools in North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia. The people to whom this board is carrying the Gospel are as a rule the neglected classes. We are told in the Bible that the Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans; they were the people to receive the crumbs, but we have come upon a time when the true evangelists, like Paul, realize that they are debtors both to the Jew and Greek. They, like the Samaritan woman, are ready to receive the Water of Life and then go out and bid their friends come and share with them.

The fact that the Panama Canal is now opened and when the war in Europe is over will make the South one the greatest mission fields in the world. Europe is going to be devastated and her people will be left in poverty, millions will go and seek refuge in other places, there is no country that offers such inducements as America, which is known as "the land of the free and the home of the brave," and when they come if we are to save our country and people from their spurious religious, we must meet them with the pure Gospel of the Son of God. Home missions, then because of this situation is facing the greatest opportunity of its history. America at this time is fortifying her ports with guns, against any invasion, and in like manner we should have an army of men and women

to meet them with the Gospel and combat the poisonous doctrines that are held by many of the people that shall land on our shores. We recommend that the people give liberally to the support of this board, located in Atlanta.

I. P. HEDGPETH, Com.

Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth spoke to the report Pledges were taken for Home Missions, and the report adopted

Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth spoke in the interest of Dell School. On motion, the Association pledged \$25 for the Dell School. The Treasurer and Finance committee reported and their reports received. A cash collection of \$5.58 was taken for minute fund. A vote of thanks was extended the Bladenboro church and community for their hospitality during this session of the Association.

On motion, the Association adjourned.

N. A. LAYTON, Moderator.

F. S. AVERITT, Clerk.

# Treasurer's Report

## RECEIPTS:

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Balance Minute Fund           | \$ 1.15  |
| State Missions                | 40.00    |
| Home Missions                 | 7.09     |
| Foreign Missions              | 25.58    |
| Orphanage                     | 18.67    |
| Education                     | 12.05    |
| Ministers Relief              | 23.13    |
| Minute Fund                   | 20.99    |
| From Churches for Minute Fund | 6.11     |
|                               | <hr/>    |
|                               | \$154.77 |

## DISBURSEMENTS:

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| State Missions                    | \$35.00  |
| Home Missions                     | 7.09     |
| Foreign Missions                  | 25.58    |
| Orphanage                         | 18.67    |
| Education                         | 12.05    |
| Ministers Relief                  | 23.13    |
| A. J. Freeman's way to B. S. Con. | 5.00     |
| Clerk of Association              | 10.00    |
| Printing Minutes                  | 18.00    |
| Postage                           | .25      |
|                                   | <hr/>    |
|                                   | \$154.77 |

*F. S. AVERITT, Treasurer*

## *Report of Woman's Meeting.*

On Thursday, Nov. 5th, 1914, during the Association of Bladen county the women of the different churches met in the ladies' parlor of the First Baptist church of Bladenboro for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Missionary Union.

Miss Della Singletary called the meeting to order and after a few remarks introduced Mrs. R. D. Caldwell, of Lumberton, Robeson's vice-President, who made a thrilling talk.

Representatives from the different churches gave verbal reports as to the condition of woman's work in their churches. Only two active societies in the Association, but five ladies represented Abbottsburg, one Galeed and one White Oak.

After Mrs. Caldwell had fully explained the work of a Union, nominations were made for vice-President of Bladen W. M. U. Mrs. H. C. Bridger was elected to this office and Mrs. R. C. Bridger secretary.

Mesdames I. P. Hedgpeth, State Sunbeam leader, and Mrs. Dr. Pope, secretary of Robeson W. M. U., made some splendid suggestions for carrying on this work.

The Bladenboro W. M. S. returned a vote of thanks to the visiting ladies who took part in the organization.

The Union meets Friday after second Sunday in September, 1915, at 11 o'clock, a. m., at Bladenboro. Sunbeams meet on same day at same place.

Mrs. H. C. BRIDGER, Pres.

MRS. R. C. BRIDGER, Sec.

# WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

| CHURCHES           | Name          | Presidents and Postoffices       | Number of Members | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Training School | Other Objects | Totals   |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------|
| Bladenboro.....    | W. M. Society | Mrs. Mary F. Bridger, Bladenboro | 28                | \$ 20.57       | \$10.00       | \$16.40          | \$1.00          | \$104.10      | \$152.08 |
| Bladenboro .....   | Sunbeams      | Alberta Butler, Bladenboro       | 30                | 11.01          | 4.51          | 4.00             | -----           | -----         | 19.54    |
| Bladenboro .....   | B. Y. P. U.   | H. P. Johnson, Bladenboro        | 41                | -----          | -----         | -----            | -----           | -----         | -----    |
| Center Roads ..... | B. Y. P. U.   | J. L. Hester, Guyton             | 19                | .82            | -----         | -----            | -----           | -----         | .82      |
| Elizabethtown.     | W. M. Society | Mrs. A. H. Pait, Elizabethtown   | 6                 | 1.90           | 2.60          | -----            | -----           | -----         | 4.50     |
| White Oak .....    | W. M. Society | Mrs. M. E. Melvin, White Oak     | 20                | 6.05           | 1.45          | 2.53             | -----           | 1.00          | 13.03    |
| Totals             |               |                                  | 144               | \$ 40.35       | \$18.56       | \$22.93          | \$1.00          | \$105.10      | \$189.97 |



# *Pledges for Ensuing Year*

| CHURCHES        | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Ministerial Education | Orphanage | Ministerial Relief |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Abbottsburg...  | \$ 15.00       | \$ 10.00      | \$ 20.00         | \$ 5.00               | \$ 8.00   | \$ 5.00            |
| Bethel .....    | 10.00          | 10.00         | 10.00            | 5.00                  | 8.00      | 5.00               |
| Brooklyn .....  | 2.00           | 2.00          | 2.00             | 2.00                  | 3.00      | 2.00               |
| Bladenboro ...  | 50.00          | 35.00         | 80.00            | 40.00                 | 15.00     | 30.00              |
| Center Roads..  | 5.00           | 3.00          | 5.00             | 1.00                  | 1.00      | 1.00               |
| Elizabethtown   | 10.00          | 5.00          | 5.00             | 2.00                  | 15.00     | 2.00               |
| Galed .....     | 50.00          | 50.00         | 30.00            | 20.00                 | 20.00     | 10.00              |
| Hickory Grove   | 25.00          | 25.00         | 25.00            | 5.00                  | 10.00     | 5.00               |
| Loves Grove..   | 20.00          | 10.00         | 10.00            | 2.00                  | 13.00     | 3.00               |
| Sandy Grove     | 2.50           | 2.00          | 5.00             | 2.00                  | 3.00      | 5.00               |
| White Oak ...   | 40.00          | 10.00         | 25.00            | 10.00                 | 50.00     | 5.00               |
| Whites Creek..  | 2.00           | 2.00          | 2.50             | 3.00                  | 5.00      | 2.00               |
| Zoin Hill ..... | 18.00          | 13.00         | 16.00            | 5.00                  | 8.00      | 5.00               |
|                 | \$249.50       | \$177.00      | \$235.50         | \$102.00              | \$291.00  | \$80.00            |

# SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

| CHURCHES       | Superintendents and Pastors | Secretaries and Postoffices     |                   |                       |        |                  |                         |                  |                      |                 |          |           |               |        |
|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|---------------|--------|
|                |                             |                                 | Number of Schools | Officers and Teachers | Pupils | Total Enrollment | Chnrch Members in S. S. | Months Kept Open | Baptisms From School | School Expenses | Missions | Orphanage | Other Objects | Totals |
| Abbottsburg... | J. T. Averitt, Abbottsburg  | T. O. Hall, Abbottsburg         | 1                 | 7                     | 50     | 58               | 25 12                   | ...              | \$ 18.00             | \$10.54         | \$ 14.09 | \$.....   | \$ 42.62      |        |
| Bladenboro...  | H. C. Bridger, Bladenboro   | P. L. Callihan, Bladenboro      | 1                 | 10                    | 156    | 165              | 30 12                   | ...              | 79.60                | 22.00           | 186.00   | 10.00     | 197.60        |        |
| Cypress Creek  | W. R. Smith, Garland        | E. D. Butler, Richardson        | 1                 | 4                     | 42     | 46               | 100 12                  | 25               | 6.00                 | ...             | ...      | ...       | 6.00          |        |
| Center Roads.. | O. M. Jones, Guyton         | Miss Florence Cain, E-town      | 1                 | 7                     | 73     | 87               | 35 12                   | ...              | 4.92                 | 5.00            | ...      | ...       | 9.92          |        |
| Elizabethown   | R. H. Marshall, E-town      | Henry White, Bladenboro         | 1                 | 6                     | 53     | 59               | 37 12                   | 1                | 12.91                | 1.17            | 3.21     | ...       | 17.29         |        |
| Galeed.....    | T. C. Hilburn, Abbottsburg  | Mrs. B. F. De Vane, Populi      | 1                 | 9                     | 91     | 100              | 50 12                   | ...              | 29.11                | 15.00           | 10.11    | ...       | 54.22         |        |
| Emanuel.....   | W. E. Allen, White Oak      | Annie L. Singletary, Rich'd's n | 1                 | 4                     | 40     | 44               | 25 12                   | 2                | 5.00                 | ...             | 1.64     | ...       | 6.64          |        |
| Hickory Grove  | Roy Hester, Richardson      | W. H. Singletary, Tar Heel      | 1                 | 6                     | 40     | 46               | 30 12                   | 4                | ...                  | ...             | ...      | 4.90      | 18.05         |        |
| Loves Grove..  | W. T. Hall, Tar Heel        | Hettie McDaniel, Tomahawk       | 1                 | 6                     | 48     | 54               | 25 12                   | 2                | 11.15                | 2.00            | ...      | ...       | 30.72         |        |
| Mt. Zion.....  | F. F. Newton, Kerr          | D. M. Cook, Clarkton            | 1                 | 5                     | 40     | 45               | 20 12                   | 5                | 3.00                 | 27.72           | ...      | ...       | 20.00         |        |
| Shady Grove    | J. D. McKeithan, Abbottsb'g | N. B. Kinlaw, Clarkton          | 1                 | 7                     | 40     | 47               | 28 12                   | 3                | 5.00                 | ...             | 4.23     | ...       | 9.11          |        |
| Sandy Grove    | L. A. Davis, Clarkton       | J. W. Marshall, E-town          | 1                 | 7                     | 60     | 67               | 25 12                   | ...              | 4.88                 | ...             | ...      | ...       | 6.00          |        |
| White Lake...  | D. A. Marshall, E-town      | E. E. Hester, Bladenboro        | 1                 | 5                     | 40     | 45               | 25 12                   | ...              | 6.00                 | ...             | ...      | ...       | 38.70         |        |
| White Oak....  | N. A. Layton, White Oak     |                                 | 1                 | 8                     | 100    | 108              | 50 12                   | ...              | 16.46                | 1.24            | 21.00    | 8.00      | 10.00         |        |
| Zoin Hill..... | M. Hester, Bladenboro       |                                 | 1                 | 6                     | 44     | 50               | 20 12                   | ...              | 10.00                | ...             | ...      | ...       | ...           |        |
|                |                             |                                 | 15                | 97                    | 916    | 1015             | 513                     | 52               | \$212.03             | \$64.67         | \$240.28 | \$37.90   | \$287.87      |        |

# FINANCIAL TABLE

| CHURCHES        | Pastor's Salary | Building and Repairs | Incidentals | S. S. Expenses | The Poor | Minute Fund | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | S. S. Missions | Orphanage | Ministerial Education | Ministerial Relief | Schools and Colleges | Other Objects | Totals                                                                                            |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|----------|-------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Abbotsburg...   | 150 00          |                      | 9 00        | 18 00          |          | 1 20        | 14 27          | 3 75          | 15 11            | 10 54          | 23 09     | 3 88                  | 2 00               |                      | 33 13         | 283 97                                                                                            |
| Brier Branch... | 50 00           |                      |             |                | 3 00     | 50          | 2 69           | 1 18          |                  |                |           |                       |                    |                      |               | 57 85                                                                                             |
| Brooklyn...     |                 |                      |             |                |          | 1 00        |                |               |                  |                |           |                       |                    |                      | 20 00         | 21 00                                                                                             |
| Bladenboro...   | 250 00          | 15000 00             |             | 79 60          |          | 5 00        | 96 89          | 46 28         | 188 87           | 22 00          | 241 86    | 41 97                 | 20 87              | 13 61                | 90 50         | 6097 43                                                                                           |
| Center Roads... | 100 00          | 16 80                |             | 9 92           | 1 00     | 50          | 2 82           | 1 10          | 3 45             | 5 00           |           |                       |                    |                      |               | 140 59                                                                                            |
| Cypress Creek   | 85 00           |                      |             | 6 00           | 1 50     | 55          |                |               | 2 00             |                | 2 00      |                       |                    |                      |               | 97 05                                                                                             |
| Elizabethtown   | 50 00           | 20 00                | 45 27       | 12 91          | 6 00     | 1 00        | 14 38          | 12 83         | 7 45             | 6 54           | 22 81     | 17 03                 | 3 70               |                      |               | 219 92                                                                                            |
| Emanuel...      | 125 00          | 75 00                |             | 5 00           |          |             | 5 74           | 2 63          | 3 30             |                | 1 64      |                       |                    |                      |               | 218 30                                                                                            |
| Galeed...       | 200 00          |                      | 10 80       | 29 11          |          | 3 10        | 55 00          | 32 50         | 67 25            |                | 27 20     | 13 75                 | 13 50              |                      | 27 81         | 480 00                                                                                            |
| Hickory Grove   | 125 00          |                      | 59 34       |                |          | 1 42        | 10 50          | 8 61          | 14 80            |                | 8 06      |                       | 4 30               |                      | 4 50          | 236 53                                                                                            |
| Loves Grove...  | 125 00          |                      |             | 11 15          |          |             | 16 90          | 11 00         | 12 85            | 3 00           | 10 00     | 2 00                  | 7 05               |                      | 42 16         | 238 11                                                                                            |
| Mt. Zion...     | 85 00           |                      |             | 3 00           |          | 1 00        | 3 13           | 1 00          | 6 00             | 27 72          | 5 00      | 1 50                  |                    |                      | 13 00         | 146 35                                                                                            |
| Shady Grove     | 40 00           | 40 00                | 15 00       | 5 00           | 1 00     | 1 00        | 2 30           | 3 50          | 4 25             |                | 2 41      |                       |                    |                      | 20 00         | 133 46                                                                                            |
| Sandy Grove     | 62 85           |                      | 15 51       | 4 88           | 55       | 30          | 2 24           | 2 44          | 9 72             |                | 6 70      | 1 00                  | 2 32               |                      | 1 50          | 110 07                                                                                            |
| White Lake...   | 75 00           |                      |             | 6 00           |          | 1 27        | 3 00           | 2 00          | 5 00             |                | 1 62      | 1 00                  | 1 00               |                      |               | 94 89                                                                                             |
| White Oak...    | 200 00          |                      |             | 16 46          |          | 2 00        | 40 00          | 15 00         | 25 00            | 2 00           | 40 00     | 10 00                 | 5 50               |                      | 30 00         | 506 73                                                                                            |
| Whites Creek    | 51 00           |                      | 5 00        | 1 48           |          | 1 00        | 1 60           |               |                  |                | 1 33      | 1 80                  |                    |                      | 5 32          | 68 54                                                                                             |
| Zoin Hill....   | 100 00          | 1 50                 | 29 19       |                |          | 1 10        | 16 00          | 13 00         | 16 00            |                | 8 00      | 5 00                  | 6 00               |                      |               | 195 79                                                                                            |
|                 |                 |                      |             |                |          |             |                |               |                  |                |           |                       |                    |                      |               | 1873 8516053 30179 11208 5113 0521 94 287 46381 05381 05175 80401 7298 9365 2413 61287 9219819 30 |

# STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES      | Pastors and their Postoffices | Clerks and their Postoffices |          |           |          |           |          |              |                |                  |                   |                       |
|---------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|--------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
|               |                               |                              | GAIN     |           | LOSS     |           |          | Male Members | Female Members | Total Membership | Preaching Sundays | Value Church Property |
|               |                               |                              | Baptized | By Letter | Restored | By Letter | Excluded | Deaths       |                |                  |                   |                       |
| Abbotsburg... | R. A. Hedgepeth, Barnsville   | G. W. Smith, Abbotsburg...   | 3        | 1000      | 4        | 6         | 3        | 24           | 34             | 58               |                   |                       |
| Browns Creek  |                               |                              |          |           |          |           |          |              |                |                  |                   |                       |
| Bethel        |                               |                              |          |           |          |           |          |              |                |                  |                   |                       |
| Brier Branch  | A. J. Freeman, Bladenboro.    | Alfred Johnson, Ruskin       | 1        | 800       |          |           |          | 13           | 42             | 55               |                   |                       |
| Brooklyn      | J. M. Hester, Wake Forest.    | R. B. Clark, Clarkton.       | 4        |           | 25       | 2         | 6        | 8            | 13             | 21               |                   |                       |
| Beards Chapel |                               |                              |          |           |          |           |          |              |                |                  |                   |                       |
| Bladenboro    | I. P. Hedgepeth, Lumberton    | J. G. Freeman, Bladenboro.   | 2        | 1500      | 38       | 21        | 4        | 1            | 69             | 73               | 142               |                       |
| Center Roads  | R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro.    | M. C. Kinlaw, Richardson.    | 2        | 300       | 10       |           | 1        | 2            | 47             | 59               | 106               |                       |
| Cypress Creek | W. R. Johnson, Cedar Creek    | E. B. Hall, Elizabethtown    | 2        | 300       | 1        |           | 1        | 1            | 41             | 65               | 106               |                       |
| Elizabethtown | J. M. Fleming, Lumberton.     | W. J. Melvin, White Oak      | 4        | 2000      | 1        | 9         | 4        | 1            | 13             | 24               | 37                |                       |
| Emanuel       | R. L. Byrd, St. Paul          | T. C. Hilburn, Abbotsburg.   | 4        | 500       | 2        | 3         |          | 10           | 19             | 29               |                   |                       |
| Galeed        |                               | Seth Lewis, Richardson.      | 3        | 800       |          | 7         | 11       | 1            | 74             | 103              | 175               |                       |
| Hickory Grove | R. N. Cashwell, Lumberton.    | L. B. Grimes, Tar Heel       | 4        | 1000      | 6        |           | 1        | 13           | 2              | 53               | 110               | 163                   |
| Loves Grove   | R. L. Byrd, Howellsville      | Manly Newton, Kerr           | 4        | 500       | 8        | 1         | 1        | 6            | 1              | 29               | 43                | 72                    |
| Mt. Zion      | R. F. Hall, Kerr              |                              | 1        | 500       | 6        | 1         |          |              | 26             | 33               | 59                |                       |
| Mt. Pleasant  |                               |                              |          |           |          |           |          |              |                |                  |                   |                       |
| Paradise      |                               |                              |          |           |          |           |          |              |                |                  |                   |                       |
| Providence    |                               |                              |          |           |          |           |          |              |                |                  |                   |                       |
| Shady Grove   | R. A. Hedgepeth, Barnesville  | R. E. F. Cook, Clarkton.     | 1        | 1000      | 4        |           | 1        | 2            | 2              | 38               | 70                | 108                   |
| Sandy Grove   | D. L. Johnson, Downingsville  | N. B. Kinlaw, Clarkton.      | 2        | 500       | 3        | 3         | 8        | 11           | 1              | 51               | 63                | 114                   |
| St. Joseph    |                               |                              |          |           |          |           |          |              |                |                  |                   |                       |
| Thumb Swamp   |                               |                              |          |           |          |           |          |              |                |                  |                   |                       |
| White Lake    | J. H. Dodson, Atkinson        | D. A. Marshburn, Eliz. town  | 2        | 500       |          | 1         |          | 6            |                | 29               | 50                | 79                    |
| White Oak     | J. M. Fleming, Lumberton      | A. L. Tatum, White Oak       | 1        | 1500      | 1        | 6         | 11       |              | 4              | 77               | 120               | 217                   |
| Whites Creek  | J. M. Hester, Wake Forest.    | Roy Townsend, Clarkton.      | 4        | 150       | 13       | 12        |          |              |                | 20               | 23                | 43                    |
| Zoin Hill     | R. L. Byrd, St. Paul          | M. Hester, Bladenboro.       | 3        | 400       | 7        | 2         | 4        | 1            | 1              | 45               | 42                | 87                    |
| Totals        |                               |                              | 16750    | 114 83    | 6 85     | 11 14     | 667      | 987          | 1654           |                  |                   |                       |



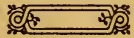




**MINUTES**  
Of The  
**Twenty Fourth Annual Session**  
Of The  
**Bladen County Baptist Association**  
Held with the  
**White Oak Church, White Oak, N.C.**  
**November 10th and 11th, 1915**



The next session will meet with the  
Bethel Church November 8, 1916  
Rev. J. D. Howell to preach  
The Introductory Sermon



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## *Proceedings*

The Twenty-fourth annual session of the Bladen County Baptist Association met Nov. 10th, 1915 with the White Oak Baptist church. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. R. L. Byrd, from the text 1st Timothy 1:11 The Association then re-organized by electing N. A. Layton Moderator and F. S. Averitt Clerk and Treasurer. The Association then adjourned for one hour.

### *Evening Session*

The Association was called together by music. Rev. A. H. Porter led in prayer. A. L. Tatum and W. F. Melvin were appointed Finance Committee. On motion the reading of the church letters be omitted and the letters turned over to Finance Committee. A. H. Porter from the Cape Fear Columbus Association, I. P. Hedgepeth and R. L. Byrd from the Robeson, J. I. Kendrick from the Cential, O. F. Herring and J. M. Alderman from the Eastern were welcomed to seats.

### *Report on Foreign Missions*

Our Foreign Mission work is the effort on our part to carry out the last command of our Lord and Master to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. The challenge of the hour to all our churches is the present call of our Foreign Mission work. The conditions of the world today are giving tremendous emphasis to the fact that all men need a simple New Testament religion. The non-Christian nations are awakening in a wonderful way and enquiring for the path of peace and the Way of Life. The doors are wide open. The people are more accessible than ever before. The harvest fields are ripe and we should now thrust in the sickle and reap on a scale that will far transcend anything in the past.

The Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Va., composed of 18 local members and 18 state members representing each state in co-operation with the Southern

Baptist Convention, is conducting work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, China, Japan and Africa. In these fields the missionaries reported last year 382 churches with 819 out-stations, 33,584 church members, 442 Sunday Schools with 23,959 scholars and 8,833 students in mission schools, 384 of whom are in Theological Seminaries and Training Schools preparing to preach the gospel to their own people. There are 300 missionaries on the fields, 20 of whom were sent out during the past year, and a total of 651 native workers. Notwithstanding difficult conditions on many of the fields caused by the European war and the injury to the work in Mexico from chaotic political conditions in that country, 5,190 baptisms were reported during the year.

The distressing financial conditions throughout the South created by the war in Europe caused a falling off in contributions to Foreign Missions last year. Many of the churches made heroic and sacrificial efforts but some of them were not able to keep up their usual contributions. This will make it more difficult for us to maintain the work this year unless God's people meet the situation in a still more heroic spirit. The Convention in Houston asked for an apportionment of \$624,000 for Foreign Missions this year. Our supreme task now should be the raising of the apportionment as a minimum in every Association and every State. We should not for a moment think of anything less and we must do more than this if possible.

We therefore recommend:

1. That we as an Association undertake to raise for Foreign Missions our full proportion of the above sum; that this amount be divided among the churches on an equitable basis; that we earnestly urge the churches to contribute the amount asked of them; that each church inaugurate a plan of systematic monthly or weekly giving and remitting for this cause so that the work may be taken care of and debt and interest payments may be avoided.

2. That each pastor in the Association appoint a Committee in each church of which he is pastor to canvass the membership with a view to securing a subscription to the Foreign Mission Journal in every Baptist family within our bounds, so that our people may be more fully informed as to our world-wide work.

I. P. HEDGEPEETH, Com.

I. P. Hedgepeth and A. H. Porter spoke to the report. Report adopted. On motion A. J.



Freeman and F. S. Averitt were appointed a committee to arrange the church pledges for the different objects of the Convention.

### *Report on Home Missions*

The Home Board helps to maintain missionary pastors in cooperation with various State agencies; engages in work among the Negroes; is undertaking a great work for Church Extension; conducts foreigner mission schools and foreigner port and pastoral work; conducts a great system of mission schools for Highlanders; has instituted a most inspiring work of Enlistment in cooperation with State agencies; has the most successful Evangelistic Department possessed by any domestic missionary agency in America; preaches the gospel to the Indians in Oklahoma; does a notably successful work in Cuba and Panama.

We earnestly commend to our churches the support of the great work of Home Missions. The intense appeal of secular interests and of pleasure in our modern industrial civilization, call for an increased effort to turn and hold the faces and hearts of men toward the heavenly city. In all our churches we should carry the work of the Home Mission Board on our hearts in prayer to God and should give freely to the support of this great work.

1. We recommend that our churches be encouraged to make a larger use of the Home Mission tracts issued free by the Home Mission Board, and that study classes be formed in the Board's study class book, "Baptist Home Missions."

2. We urge that larger effort be made in the churches to get clubs of subscribers to THE HOME FIELD. It is a splendid magazine about the on-going of the Kingdom of Christ in the South and the Baptist effort to support Home Missions. It is a distressing situation that only one Baptist preacher in five gets this magazine, which is only 25 cents a year in clubs of five or more.

3. The Home Board furnishes for 50 cents a set of five large wall charts suitable for the church. If these charts were in the churches of the Association they would do a great deal to teach what Home Mission work is.

Address of Home Mission Board is 1004 Healey Building, Atlanta, Ga. Dr. B. D. Gray, Corresponding Secy.

Literature should be ordered from the Publicity Department.

A. J. FREEMAN, Com.

J. I. Kendrick spoke to the report and report adopted. On motion the Association adjourned till 7:30 tonight.

## *Night Session*

Opened by music. J. M. Hester led in prayer.

### *Report on State Missions*

Our State Mission Board is aiding about 160 missionaries this year. In the last we find yet great destitution—several counties with only one Missionary Baptist preacher to the county. In the west a large per cent are church members, but in great need of aggressive leaders to teach them to do more for Christ.

The manufacturing industries in the Piedmont section are bringing in a great number of people. New towns are being built and old ones rapidly growing.

Let us evangelize and let us train our membership in our state and this will enable us to reach out to the Home and Foreign Fields and other benevolent causes. To this end we recommend the same apportionment be made by the committee that they make for Foreign Missions.

G. E. LINEBERRY, Com.

Brother Lineberry spoke to the report. Report adopted. The Association then adjourned till 9 a. m. tomorrow.

## *Second Day*

Religious exercises conducted by Bro. I. P. Hedgepeth. Bro. G. E. Lineberry led in prayer. Rev. A. D. Carter from the Eastern Association was welcomed to a seat.

### *Report on Liquor Traffic*

As time moves on we realize more and more that we should lend still greater efforts to absolutely remove from among us king alcohol. We pledge ourselves to aid in every way possible to cooperate with the authorities to suppress the traffic and in the proper administration of the law.

H. B. REGISTER, Com.

R. L. Byrd and J. I. Kendrick spoke to the report. Report adopted. On motion the next session of the Association be held with the Bethel church commencing Nov. 8th, 1916. Rev. J. D. Howell to preach the introductory sermon.

### *Report on Laymen's Movement*

In North Carolina, we have upward of 250,000 Baptists members of the church. Of this vast number a small per cent are preachers. In order that our denomination may make greater strides in the work of the Master, in addition to the great work accomplished by our pastors, our women began a distinct movement, and our Women's Missionary Society has accomplished untold progress of the Gospel in our land.

Our men, therefore, seeing the good accomplished by our sisters, began to be to some extent jealous, as it were. Seeing the great work going on by our sisters without their making an equal advance, and in consequence of the apparent unequal progress, a movement sprang up and has been named the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

Some of our people have not as yet fully understood the purport of this movement, but where any of the work has been done and where an opportunity has been given for such work, great progress has been made in the uplift of the Kingdom. Therefore, we endeavor to recognize the following essentials:

1. Organization. Co-operation is the prime mover in reaching the best results. A sorry organization gives sorry results; a good organization, well defined and worked, gives good results. Our great denomination has been organized and is being organized to better advantage from the Southern Convention, down to and including the minutest organization of our churches, and as a result thereof, great strides have been made and material advancements had in the Kingdom, by the Baptists of our Southland. Such organizations should be extended to the male membership of our churches.

- 2 Study. If we are successful in our endeavors as laymen, we must have a diffusion of knowledge, as to the affairs of the Kingdom and in order to do this, we must depend upon intelligence, as well as the consecration of our constituency, and, although we are Christians, we cannot properly control our church affairs without being acquainted with the very best and approved methods. The Boards



of our Southern Convention are endeavoring to furnish us with the very best.

3. **Standard.** We may differ widely in our views as to the proper standard of Christian devotion and consecration. It is proper that we should here call attention to the tithe as a standard of giving. Some ought to give more than the tenth, **BUT NO ONE SHOULD GIVE LESS.** You seldom ever find a systematic and proportionate giver backsliding.

4. **Inspiration.** The Holy Spirit is the source of all our inspiration and comes upon individuals and companies. Our method is to get men together for conference and inspiration by intelligent discussion and exchange of experiences. Therefore, we should have mission rallies in all our churches.

Since the launching of the Laymen's Movement men and women have become interested in it so enthusiastically that you will find many of the churches have become so greatly moved that great rallies have been held.

Your committee recommends:

1st. That a special mission rally be held in each church during 1916.

2nd. By making an "every member canvass" in every church during 1916, and the securing from each member a contribution for missions.

3rd. By advocating from pulpits, prayer meeting and Sunday Schools tithing as a minimum standard of giving.

4th. By having mission study classes for men as well as women.

5th. For the appointment of a committee of this Association, consisting of five members with power and instructions to carry out the purpose of these recommendations.

ROBERT E. LEE, Com.

R. E. Lee Esq, spoke to the report. Report adopted.

### ***Report on Christian Education***

Education is not a prerequisite to religion, but is essential to efficient service in the Kingdom of God. Jesus taught his disciples and commissioned them to teach all nations. In 1834 Wake Forest College was founded by the Baptists of North Carolina.

The primary object of Baptist schools was the training of the ministers; but now they also believe in a trained laity. At the 1914 Convention of Baptists, a Board of

Education was appointed, consisting of the Presidents of Wake Forest, Meredith, and Chowan Colleges, together with 15 other members.

It is made the duty of this Board "to collect funds for for the equipment and maintenance of Baptist institutions in North Carolina and for the assistance of young ministers, and to apply funds according to contributors wishes' The new Board of Education has wisely selected Dr. R. T. Vann, of Raleigh, Corresponding Secretary.

Therefore your committee recommends:

1. That this Association increase its contribution three fold on account of the broader scope of the work.
2. That the term "Christian Education" be inserted in the minutes in place of all other educational objects.
3. That the pastors be asked to take an offering for Christian Education before the assembling of the Baptist State Convention.

J. M. HESTER, Com.

J. M. Hester, O. F. Herring, J. M. Alderman and G. E. Lineberry spoke to the report and report adopted. On motion A. J. Freeman and F. D McLean were appointed Associational trustees of the Dell school at Delway, N. C. Bro. J. I. Kendrick spoke in the interest of the Wake Forest church. On motion this Association try to raise \$150 for the Wake Forest church, and that N. A. Layton and F. S. Averitt be appointed a committee to apportion that amount among the churches.

## *Report on Orphanage*

Our Orphanage is the keystone in the arch of Christian service. If this stone is properly placed all the others in the arch will hold firm; if it is improperly placed the whole structure is in danger.

Owning to the large advance that has been made with in the past year the Orphanage is heavily in debt. This brings the unpleasant necessity of making a large outlay for interest on borrowed money, which goes to banks instead of to the children. This ought not so to be. We are abundantly able to pay every dollar the institution owes this year, and if able, we ought to be willing.

Your committee recommend:



1. A liberal Thanksgiving offering emphasizing the importance of "WORK DAY," giving not less than one day's labor or income to the Orphanage.

2. That every Sunday School will sacredly set apart the collection of one Sunday in each month for the support of the Orphanage.

3. That every Sunday School take a club of Charity and Children.

N. A. LAYTON, Com.

N. A. Layton and F. B. Hamrick spoke to the report. A cash collection of \$9.06 was taken for the Thomasville Orphanage, and report adopted. The Association then adjourned for 45 minutes.

## *Evening Session*

### *Report on Sunday Schools*

Christ said to his disciples, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." So the word "go" implies work. We concede the Sunday School to be one of the greatest agencies of disseminating God's word to the ends of the earth. We would recommend that the Sunday Schools of this Association adopt the Southern Baptist Convention series, and that our churches and Sunday Schools take annual collections for Sunday School Missions, and that our Sunday Schools try to enlist as nearly as possible every church member in the work.

J. T. AVTRITT, Com.

H. B. Register and J. M. Hester spoke to the report. H. B. Register offered the following resolution which was adopted: Whereas, we believe that the Sunday School is an important factor of the church and that from this source we are largely dependent for active and trained church members. Resolved, in view of this fact, that we the churches assembled in the Bladen Association appoint a Sunday School Missionary for this Association, who shall visit, correspond, co-operate with the present Sunday Schools of Bladen Baptist Association; that he shall have power to appoint one or more assistants for each township in

the county who shall co-operate with the schools of their respective townships and establish and encourage every good work for our Master's Kingdom. Resolved further, that we ask each Sunday School already organized or that may be, to give one collection in each month to defray expenses, such as song books, literature, postage and stenographic work, etc. Resolved further, that as soon as in the judgment of the said Missionary that it publish and distribute a Sunday School leaflet and place a copy in every Baptist home within this county. On motion H. B. Register, A. J. Freeman and D. A. Marshburn appointed a committee to appoint a Sunday School Missionary for this Association.

### ***Report on Periodicals***

We do especially urge our membership to better inform themselves as to the needs of our people as a denomination. We urge them to subscribe for and read The Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, The Home Field and The Foreign Mission Journal. After so doing, there will be fostered a greater spirit of missions and our different Conventional objects will be taken care of.

A. L. TATUM, Com.

C. W. Williams and A. J. Freeman spoke to the report and report adopted.

### ***Report on Womans Work***

The Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention is now 27 years old. It had a small beginning, but has grown into nearly 12,000 societies making a great organization. Contributions have climbed from almost nothing to nearly a half million dollars.

The influence of these societies in North Carolina, including the Sunbeam Bands, has done much in stimulating the liberality of the men: For it is shown that one-third of all the money given to Baptist Missions in this

State is given by our women and children.

Our Bladen Association should have some better standing in this very laudable work. Each of our 26 churches ought to have a W. M. S. and Sunbeam Band. The women of our churches are closer observers and more ardent students of Mission Literature than the men. They are the more constantly with the children and young people which gives them a decided advantage over the men in showing due consideration for the men and women of to-morrow.

In Kingdom work, we greatly commend the example of our noble Christian women.

J. M. FLEMING, Com:

J. M. Hester spoke to the report; report adopted.

C. W. Williams spoke on Ministers Relief.

The Finance Committee and Treasurer reported. On motion the reports received.

On motion the Association adjourned.

N. A. LAYTON, Moderator

F. S. AVERITT, Clerk.

# Womans Missionary Union

Bladenboro W. M. S. and Sun Beams.

Contributions, \$156.00

Mrs. H. C. Bridger, Sr. Pres.

Bladenboro, N. C.

Elizabethtown W. M. S. and Sun Beams

Contributions, 2.25

Mrs. Julia Ewell. Pres.

Elizabethtown, N. C.

Loves Grove, W. M. S. Newly Organized.

Contributions' 65

Miss Janie Monroe. Pres.

Tar Heel N. C.



## Pledges for Ensuing Year

| CHURCHES        | State Missions | Foreign Missions | Home Missions | Orphanage | Christian Education | Ministerial Relief |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Abbottsburg...  | \$ 15.00       | \$ 15.00         | \$ 10.00      | \$ 8.00   | \$ 2.00             | \$ 300             |
| Browns Creek    | 2.00           | 2.00             | 1.00          | 2.00      | 1.00                | 100                |
| Bethel .....    | 10.00          | 10.00            | 8.00          | 8.00      | 3.00                | 300                |
| Brier Branch..  | 5.00           | 5.00             | 3.00          | 3.00      | 2.00                | 200                |
| Beards Chapel   | 5.00           | 5.00             | 3.00          | 3.00      | 2.00                | 200                |
| Bladenboro....  | 50.00          | 50.00            | 40.00         | 40.00     | 40.00               | 2500               |
| Brooklyn.....   | 7.50           | 7.50             | 5.00          | 5.00      | 2.00                | 300                |
| Center Road...  | 10.00          | 10.00            | 5.00          | 3.00      | 1.00                | 200                |
| Cypress Creek   | 10.00          | 10.00            | 5.00          | 3.00      | 2.00                | 200                |
| Elizabethtown   | 10.00          | 10.00            | 7.00          | 10.00     | 5.00                | 300                |
| Emanuel.....    | 8.00           | 8.00             | 4.00          | 5.00      | 3.00                | 300                |
| Galeed.....     | 25.00          | 25.00            | 15.00         | 15.00     | 10.00               | 1000               |
| Hickory Grove   | 20.00          | 20.00            | 15.00         | 5.00      | 5.00                | 500                |
| Loves Grove...  | 15.00          | 15.00            | 10.00         | 15.00     | 2.00                | 300                |
| Mt. Zion.....   | 10.00          | 10.00            | 6.00          | 5.00      | 3.00                | 200                |
| Shady Grove..   | 5.00           | 5.00             | 4.00          | 5.00      | 2.00                | 300                |
| Sandy Grove..   | 10.00          | 10.00            | 5.00          | 5.00      | 2.00                | 300                |
| White Lake....  | 15.00          | 15.00            | 10.00         | 5.00      | 3.00                | 200                |
| White Oak.....  | 40.00          | 40.00            | 15.00         | 40.00     | 15.00               | 1000               |
| Whites Creek..  | 5.00           | 5.00             | 3.00          | 3.00      | 2.00                | 200                |
| Zion Hill ..... | 15.00          | 15.00            | 12.00         | 8.00      | 2.00                | 300                |
|                 | 292.50         | 292.50           | \$186.00      | \$196.00  | \$109.00            | \$92.00            |



# Officers

N. A. Layton, Mod.....White Oak  
F. S. Averitt, Clerk and treasury....Abbottsburg

## Executive Board

N. A. Layton, Chairman .....White Oak  
F. S. Averitt, Secretary.....Abbottsburg  
J. N. Singletary .....Bladenboro  
D. A. Marshburn.....Elizabethtown  
R. C. Bridger.....Bladenboro  
D. M. Melvin.....White Oak

## Ordained Ministers

Brisson' W. M.....Dublin  
Clark, D. J.....Abbottsburg  
Freeman, A. J.....Bladenboro  
Hilbourn, R. M.....Bladenboro  
Hilbourn, D. H.....Bladenboro  
Hester, S.....Bladenboro  
Johnson, D. L.....Downingsville

## Delegates and Writers

Delegate to S. B. Convention,      *H. C. Bridger*  
Delegate to B. S. Convention      *R: J. Hester*  
                                                    *and J. M. Hester*  
Member of Baptist State Board      *J. M. Hester*  
Sunday School Missionery      *H. B. Register*

## Writers for Next Session

State Missions ..... *R. L. Byrd*  
Foreign Missions.....*N. A. Layton*  
Home Missions.....*J. W. Cobb*  
Orphanage ..... *I. R. Hedgedeth*  
Sunday Schools.....*H. B Register*  
Ministers Relief.....*A. J. Freeman*  
Education ..... *S. F. Averitt*  
Periodicals.....*S. J. Freeman*  
Intemperance ..... *A. L. Tatum*  
Womans work..... *W. E. Melvin*

# Treasurer's Report

## RECEIPTS:

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| State Missions                   | \$24.89 |
| Home Missions                    | \$14.57 |
| Foreign Missions                 | 8.00    |
| Education                        | 12.30   |
| Orphanage                        | 11.56   |
| Ministers Relief                 | 18.50   |
| Sunday Schools                   | 2.00    |
| Minute Fund                      | 26.90   |
| Minute Fd. from Churches & Union | 5.70    |

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## DISBURSEMENTS:

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| State Missions      | \$24.89 |
| Home Missions       | 14.57   |
| Foreign Missions    | 8.00    |
| Education           | 12.30   |
| Orphanage           | 11.56   |
| Ministers Relief    | 18.50   |
| Sunday Schools      | 2.00    |
| Clerk of Assocation | 10.00   |
| Printing Minutes    | 20.00   |
| Postage             | 35      |
| Balance Minute Fund | 2.25    |

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*F. S. AVERITT, Treasury*

# Churches and Representatives

Abbottsburg- *J. A. Jones, Earnest Caon H. H. Hall,*

Browns Creek- *By letter*

Bethel- *S. A. King, J. W. Carroll, A. Long*

Brier Branch- *Not represented*

Beards Chapel- *Not represented*

Bladenboro- *C. W. Deaver, A. J. Freeman.*

Brooklyn- *W. F. Melvin, R. B. Clark, W. R. Sellers.*

Center Road- *O. M. Jones, E. Pait, Chester Carroll*

Cypress Creek- *J. W. Smith, D. M. Smith, J. B. Smith.*

Elizabethtown- *H. B. Register, R. J. Hester, R. H. Marshburn,*

Emanuel- *T. M. Jones, D. F. Devane, O. M. Melvin.*

Galeed- *H. J. White, F. S. Averitt, O. M. White.*

Hickory Grove- *Not represented.*

Loves Grove- *W. T. Hall, L. B. Grimes.*

Mt. Zion- *By Letter.*

Mt. Pleasant- *Not represented.*

Providence- *Not represented.*

Paradise- *Not represented.*

Shady Grove. *J. L. Harris.*

Sandy Grove- *A. F. Edwards, A. H. Dove, I. H. Davis.*

St. Joseph- *Not represented.*

Thumb Swamp- *Not represented.*

White Lake- *A. L. Marshburn, E. L. Melvin D. A. Marshburn.*

White Oak- *A. S. Cain, J. B. Cole.*

Whites Creek- *R. Dew, D. T. Britt H. J. Harrelson.*

Zion Hill- *I, H. Hilburn, W. B. Hester.*

# CHURCHES

## Pastors and their Postoffices Clerks and their Postoffices

|                |                               |                               |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Abbottsburg..  | R. A. Hedgepeth, Barnsville   | G. W. Smith, Abbottsbury      | 3     | 1000  | 8     | 8     | 3     | 1     | 1     | 1     | 33    | 41    | 74    |
| Browns Creek   | R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro.    | W. B. Hester, Elizabethtown   | 3     | 300   | 1     | 1     | 26    | 2     | 2     | 10    | 15    | 25    | 25    |
| Bethel.....    | R. L. Byrd, St. Pauls.....    | W. M. Bryan, Richardson...    | 1     | 500   | 8     | 3     | ...   | ...   | ...   | 62    | 72    | 134   | ...   |
| Brier Branch   | .....                         | .....                         | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Beards Chapel  | .....                         | .....                         | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Bladenboro...  | .....                         | .....                         | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Brook .....    | I. P. Hedgepeth, Lumberton... | J. G. Freeman, Bladenboro..   | 2     | 15000 | 16    | 15    | 1     | 7     | 4     | 1     | 83    | 80    | 163   |
| Centerlyn ..   | J. M. Hester, Wake Forest...  | W. F. Melvin, Elktion.....    | 4     | 150   | 1     | 10    | ...   | ...   | ...   | 10    | 21    | 31    | ...   |
| Cypress Creek  | J. T. Tyner, Whiteville.....  | M. C. Kinlaw, Richardson...   | 2     | 250   | 3     | 3     | 1     | 8     | 2     | 38    | 58    | 106   | ...   |
| Elizabethtown  | W. R. Johnson, Cedar Creek... | W. R. C. Smith, Garland...    | 2     | 300   | 3     | 3     | 4     | 6     | 34    | 69    | 103   | ...   | ...   |
| Emanuel .....  | J. M. Fleming, Lumberton...   | H. B. Register, Elizabethtown | 4     | 2000  | 5     | 4     | 3     | 1     | 1     | 21    | 24    | 45    | ...   |
| Galeed.....    | R. L. Byrd, St. Pauls.....    | W. J. Melvin, White Oak...    | 4     | 400   | 3     | 2     | 1     | ...   | ...   | 12    | 20    | 32    | ...   |
| Hickory Grove  | R. A. Hedgepeth, Barnsville   | T. C. Hilburn, Abbottsbury... | 3     | 1000  | 10    | ...   | 1     | ...   | ...   | 1     | 60    | 68    | 128   |
| Loves Grove..  | R. L. Byrd, St. Pauls.....    | L. B. Grimes, Tar Heel.....   | 4     | 500   | 2     | 1     | 3     | 1     | 1     | 29    | 45    | 74    | ...   |
| Mt. Zion.....  | J. H. Dobson, Atkinson.....   | Manly Newton, Kerr,.....      | 2     | 500   | 2     | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | 25    | 33    | 58    | ...   |
| Mt. Pleasant.  | .....                         | .....                         | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Paradise.....  | .....                         | .....                         | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Shady Grove..  | R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro.    | R. E. F. Cook, Clarkton...    | 1     | 1000  | 7     | ...   | 3     | 2     | ...   | 35    | 72    | 107   | ...   |
| Sandy Grove..  | D. L. Johnson, Downingsville  | N. B. Kinlaw, Clarkton...     | 2     | 500   | 4     | 1     | 2     | 1     | 2     | 49    | 64    | 113   | ...   |
| St. Joseph...  | .....                         | .....                         | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Thumb Swamp    | .....                         | .....                         | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| White Lake...  | Henry Carter, Garland.....    | D. A. Marshbun, Eliz'btown    | 1     | 500   | 7     | 2     | 2     | 2     | 3     | 38    | 37    | 75    | ...   |
| White Oak..... | J. W. Cobb, Lumber Bridge...  | A. L. Tatum, White Oak...     | 3     | 1500  | 13    | 6     | 2     | 12    | 1     | 75    | 150   | 225   | ...   |
| Whites Creek   | A. H. Porter, Whiteville..... | Roy Townsend, Clarkton...     | 4     | 1000  | 4     | 8     | ...   | ...   | ...   | 26    | 29    | 55    | ...   |
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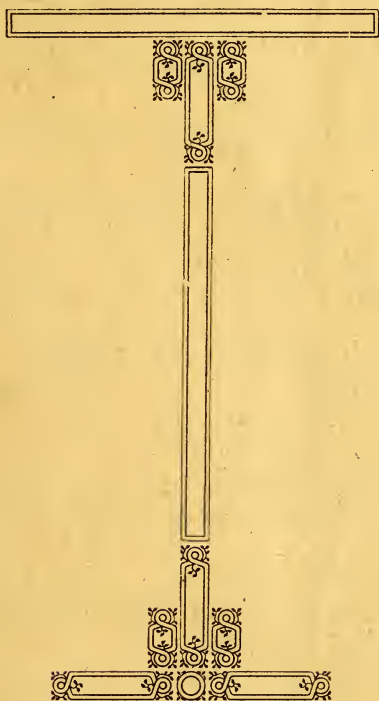
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|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|----------|-------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| Abbottsburg... | 150 00          | .....                | 6 00        | 24 52          | .....    | 1 60        | .....                  | 20 57          | 5 44          | 8 50             | 1 00           | 8 50      | 3 00                  | 3 00               | .....                | .....         | 232 13  |         |
| Browns Creek   | .....           | .....                | .....       | 6 34           | .....    | 25          | .....                  | 1 00           | .....         | .....            | .....          | 2 10      | .....                 | .....              | .....                | 1 71          | 11 40   |         |
| Bethel.....    | 125 00          | .....                | .....       | 9 00           | .....    | 65          | .....                  | 10 00          | 10 00         | 10 00            | 5 57           | 8 00      | 5 00                  | 5 00               | .....                | 17 78         | 206 00  |         |
| Bladenboro...  | 250 00          | 60 18                | .....       | .....          | .....    | 5 30        | .....                  | 81 00          | 57 01         | 83 67            | .....          | 228 93    | 60 10                 | 14 69              | 29 75                | 171 28        | 1042 66 |         |
| Brooklyn.....  | 100 00          | .....                | 6 45        | 5 40           | .....    | .....       | .....                  | 2 00           | 2 00          | 2 00             | .....          | 2 00      | 1 00                  | 71                 | .....                | 10 26         | 133 82  |         |
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| Cypress Creek  | 85 00           | .....                | .....       | 4 00           | 4 50     | 60          | .....                  | 2 00           | .....         | .....            | .....          | .....     | .....                 | .....              | .....                | .....         | 96 31   |         |
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| Elizabethtown  | 100 00          | .....                | 100 88      | 21 89          | .....    | 1 50        | .....                  | 18 05          | 10 53         | 6 82             | .....          | 35 62     | 2 02                  | 2 00               | .....                | 1 95          | 301 29  |         |
| Galeed.....    | 200 00          | .....                | 7 04        | 9 09           | .....    | 1 85        | .....                  | 49 57          | 19 75         | 30 75            | .....          | 24 00     | 7 00                  | .....              | .....                | 27 81         | 378 85  |         |
| Loves Grove .. | 125 00          | .....                | .....       | 20 31          | .....    | 1 00        | .....                  | 16 50          | 10 00         | 11 00            | 2 00           | 22 60     | 2 00                  | 3 00               | .....                | 20 64         | 234 25  |         |
| Mt. Zion.....  | 75 00           | .....                | .....       | 3 00           | 15 00    | 50          | .....                  | 8 05           | 3 00          | 3 00             | 10 30          | 2 74      | 3 66                  | .....              | .....                | 10 00         | 134 50  |         |
| Shady Grove    | 40 00           | 5 81                 | 17 71       | 4 02           | .....    | 1 05        | .....                  | .....          | 3 42          | .....            | .....          | .....     | .....                 | .....              | .....                | .....         | 72 10   |         |
| Sandy Grove    | 60 00           | .....                | 10 00       | 6 47           | .....    | 50          | .....                  | 1 88           | 1 37          | 5 00             | .....          | 6 44      | 2 00                  | 3 12               | .....                | .....         | 96 78   |         |
| White Oak..... | 200 00          | 150 00               | .....       | 40 00          | .....    | 2 00        | .....                  | 40 00          | 10 00         | 22 00            | 8 00           | 40 00     | .....                 | 5 00               | 5 00                 | .....         | 522 00  |         |
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| Whites Creek   | 55 00           | 950 00               | 2 00        | 4 10           | .....    | 70          | .....                  | 2 00           | 2 00          | 2 50             | .....          | 5 00      | 3 00                  | 2 00               | .....                | 9 26          | 1037 66 |         |
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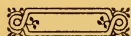
# SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

| CHURCHES       | Superintendents   | Secretary          | No of Schools | Officers and Teachers | Pupils | Total Enrollment | Church Membership | Month Kept Open | Baptism from School | School Expenses | Missions | Orphanage | Other Objects | Total Contributions |        |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|---------------|---------------------|--------|
| Abbottsburg... | J. D. McKeithan   | Lesley Russ.....   | 1             | 9                     | 64     | 73               | 25                | 12              | 2                   | 24 52           | .....    | .....     | .....         | 24 52               |        |
| Browns Creek   | R. A. Hammonds    | W. B. Hester ..... | 1             | 4                     | 45     | 50               | .....             | 10              | .....               | 6 34            | .....    | .....     | .....         | 6 34                |        |
| Bethel.....    | D. J. Allen.....  | J. C. Taylor.....  | 1             | 6                     | 97     | 104              | .....             | 12              | 1                   | 9 00            | .....    | 557       | .....         | 14 57               |        |
| Bladenboro...  | H. C. Bridgers... | P. L. Callihan.... | 1             | 10                    | 100    | 110              | .....             | 12              | .....               | .....           | 5475     | 19513     | .....         | 249 88              |        |
| Brooklyn.....  | W. F. Melvin....  | Mitta Clark.....   | 1             | 6                     | 40     | 46               | 20                | 12              | 1                   | 5 40            | 290      | 166       | .....         | 9 96                |        |
| Center Road... | J. L. Hester..... | E. D, Butler.....  | 1             | 7                     | 50     | 57               | 30                | 12              | .....               | 6 63            | 52       | .....     | .....         | 7 15                |        |
| Cypress Creek  | J. W. Smith.....  | F. B. Smith.....   | 1             | 5                     | 40     | 45               | .....             | 12              | .....               | 4 00            | .....    | .....     | .....         | 4 00                |        |
| Emanuel.....   | W. J. Melvin....  | Mrs. B. F. Devan   | 1             | 3                     | 60     | 63               | .....             | 12              | .....               | 12 00           | .....    | .....     | .....         | 12 00               |        |
| Elizabethtown  | R. J. Hester..... | Florence Caine ... | 1             | 7                     | 79     | 86               | 36                | 12              | 2                   | 21 89           | 661      | 1749      | .....         | 45 99               |        |
| Galeed.....    | T. C. Hilburn...  | O. M. White.....   | 1             | 7                     | 69     | 76               | .....             | 12              | .....               | 9 09            | 535      | 649       | 2050          | 41 43               |        |
| Loves Grove..  | W. T. Hall.....   | W. H. Singletary   | 1             | 4                     | 47     | 51               | 22                | 12              | .....               | 14 31           | 200      | 1375      | 600           | 36 06               |        |
| Mt. Zion.....  | F. F. Newton....  | Hettie McDaniel    | 1             | 5                     | 35     | 40               | 23                | 12              | 2                   | 3 00            | 1036     | .....     | .....         | 13 36               |        |
| Shady Grove    | I. E. Dix.....    | T. R. Thompson     | 1             | 6                     | 35     | 41               | 15                | 12              | 4                   | 4 02            | .....    | .....     | .....         | 4 02                |        |
| Sandy Grove    | I. A. Davis.....  | F. A. Kinlaw.....  | 1             | 8                     | 47     | 51               | 32                | 12              | 4                   | 6 47            | .....    | 644       | .....         | 12 91               |        |
| White Oak..... | N. A. Layton....  | Ruby Smith.....    | 1             | 6                     | 100    | 108              | .....             | 12              | .....               | 19 08           | 409      | 1583      | 100           | 40 00               |        |
| White Lake...  | D. A. Marshburn   | A. L. Marshburn    | 1             | 5                     | 35     | 40               | .....             | 12              | 5                   | 6 00            | 450      | 171       | .....         | 12 21               |        |
| Whites Creek   | D. T. Britt.....  | Roy Townsend...    | 1             | 4                     | 26     | 30               | 20                | 12              | 1                   | 4 10            | .....    | .....     | 180           | 5 90                |        |
|                |                   |                    | 17            | 102                   | 967    | 1069             | 223               | 202             | 22                  | 155             | 85       | 9108      | 26407         | 2930                | 440 30 |

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**Twenty Fifth Annual Session**  
of the  
**Bladen County Baptist Association**  
Held with the  
**BETHEL CHURCH**  
**November 8th 9th 1916**



The next session will meet with the White Oak  
Church, White Oak, N. C., November 7th 1917  
Rev. R. L. Byrd to preach the Introductory  
Sermon.



Samuel T. Mears, Print, Clarkton, N. C.

# Churches and Representatives

Abbottsburg, *J. A. Jones, J. T. Averitt.*

Browns Creek, *W. B. Hester.*

Bethel, *J. A. Brisson, J. W. Carroll, Justin Hursey.*

Brier Branch, *Not represented.*

Beards Chapel, *By letter.*

Bladenboro, *J. W. Callihan, John Adams.*

Brooklyn, *W. F. Melvin, R. B. Clark.*

Center Road, *Sam Taylor, M. C. Kinlaw, J F Butler*

Cypress Creek, *By letter.*

Elizabethtown, *D. C. Carpenter, G. F. Bullard, A.  
H. Pait.*

Emanuel, *T. M. Jones, B. F. Devane, O. M. Melvin.*

Galeed, *F. R. Singletary, F. S. Averitt, J. F. Free-  
man.*

Hickory Grove, *Luther Hester, C. E. Bryan, Roy  
Hester.*

Loves Grove, *J. M. Bedsole, A. R. Hall.*

Mt. Zion, *By letter.*

Mt. Pleasant, *Not represented.*

Providence, *Not represented.*

Paradise, *Not represented.*

Richardson, *D. H. Hilburn, Justin Hester, R. K.  
Nance.*

Shady Grove, *T. R. Thompson.*

Sandy Grove, *A. Z. Davis, J. W. Hester, A H Dove*

St. Joseph, *Not represented.*

Thumb Swamp, *Not represented.*

White Lake, *By letter.*

White Oak, *D. M. Tatum. N A. Odum, D. M Melvin*

Whites Creek, *D. T. Britt, R. Dew, T. Hase.*

Zion Hill, *D. F. Hester, D. T. Edwards, Emery  
Hester.*

# Officers

N. A. Layton, Moderator..... White Oak  
F. S. Averitt, Clerk and Treas..... Abbottsburg

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

N. A. Layton, Chairman..... White Oak  
F. S. Averitt, Secretary..... Abbottsburg  
J. N. Singletary..... Bladenboro  
D. A. Marshburn..... Elizabethtown  
R. C. Bridger..... Bladenboro  
D. M. Melvin..... White Oak

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

Brisson, W. M..... Dublin  
Brisson, W. L..... Richardson  
Clark, D. J..... Elizabethtown  
Cain, H. W..... Elizabethtown  
Dove, A. H..... Clarkton  
Freeman, A. J..... Bladenboro  
Hilburn, R. M..... Bladenboro  
Hilburn, D. H..... Bladenboro  
Johnson, D. L..... Elizabethtown  
Pait, D. E..... Clarkton

## WRITERS FOR NEXT SESSION

State Missions..... *A. J. Freeman*  
Home Missions..... *R. L. Byrd*  
Foreign Missions..... *J. M. Fleming*  
Orphanage..... *A. L. Tatum*  
Ministerial Relief..... *W. T. Hall*  
Christian Education..... *I. P. Hedgepeth*  
Periodicals..... *N. A. Odum*  
Intemperance..... *D. M. Melvin*

# Report Finance Committee

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Minute Fund.....        | \$ 25.62 |
| State Missions.....     | 25.39    |
| Home Missions.....      | 14.13    |
| Foreign Missions.....   | 57.58    |
| Education.....          | 4.80     |
| Ministerial Relief..... | 8.00     |
| Orphanage.....          | 23.57    |
| Sunday Schools.....     | 3.25     |

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162.34

A. L. TATUM

J. B. TAYLOR

Committee



# Treasurer's Report

## RECEIPTS

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Balance Minute Fund..... | \$ 2 25 |
| State Missions.....      | 19 75   |
| Home Missions.....       | 14 40   |
| Foreign Missions.....    | 9 00    |
| Education.....           | 9 00    |
| Ministerial Relief.....  | 14 70   |
| Orphanage.....           | 23.60   |
| Minute Fund.....         | 28 05   |

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\$120 75

## DISBURSEMENTS

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| State Missions.....       | \$19 75 |
| Home Missions.....        | 14 40   |
| Foreign Missions.....     | 9 00    |
| Education.....            | 9 00    |
| Ministerial Relief.....   | 14 70   |
| Orphanage .....           | 23 60   |
| Printing Minutes.....     | 20 00   |
| Clerk of Association..... | 10 00   |
| Postage.....              | 30      |

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\$120.75

F. S. AVERITT, Treasurer



# *Proceedings*

The Twenty-Fifth annual session of the Bladen County Baptist Association met Nov. 8th, 1916, with the Bethel Baptist church. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. D. Howell from the text Eph. 3rd chapter, 15th and 16th verses. The Association then re-organized by re-electing N. A. Layton Moderator and F. S. Averitt Clerk and Treasurer. The Association then adjourned for one hour.

## *Evening Session*

The Association was called together by music. Rev. J. D. Howell led in prayer. A. L. Tatum and J. B. Taylor were appointed Finance Committee, Rev. R. L. Byrd and Dr. G. F. Bullard Reading Clerks. Letters were then called for and read. Revs. J. T. Tyner and J. D. Howell from the Cape Fear Columbus and J. L. Holland from the Cumberland Association were welcomed to seats. On motion the Baptist church at Richardson was received to membership in this Association.

## **Intemperance**

This subject is one that is foremost in the minds of people of deep and sober thought. It matters not whether the business man is a Christian or not when employing his help he wants to know something of the habits of his employee. If the man in secular affairs should be so alert it behooves us as ambassadors of Christ to do our utmost in driving the demon of drink from the borders of our state.

A. L. TATUM, Com.

D. H. Hilburn, R. L. Byrd, J. L. Holland and D. E. Pait spoke to the report and the report adopted.

Ministerial Relief was discussed by Revs. D. H. Hilburn, J. D. Howell and R. L. Byrd. The Association then adjourned till 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

## ***Second Day***

The Association was opened by prayer, Rev J. T. Tyner leading. Minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

### **Sunday School Report**

Matt. 28:19-20. There is more authority there for teaching than there is for preaching. There is more said about teaching throughout the whole New Testament than there is about preaching.

Therefore, we should strive more earnestly to carry out the Master's last great command through and by means of our Sunday Schools than we do.

1. We should strive first of all to enlist more of our church members in the Sunday School either as pupils or teachers, or attendants of the regular sessions of the Sunday School or as members of the Home Department.

2. We should strive harder to enlist the unenlisted in the works of our Sunday Schools, get those who are members of no Sunday School at all. Get them in there where we can teach them something of God's Word. In Sunday School we have a chance at them every day, in church usually only one in four.

3. We want to strive to fit and prepare ourselves to give them the very best that is possible after we get them into the Sunday School.

J. D. HOWELL, Com.

Revs. J. D. Howell and J. T. Tyner spoke to the report and the report adopted.

### **Periodicals**

No man can be stronger in intellect than the amount of information he has. If this is true it behooves us as Christians to more fully inform ourselves in regard to the different phases of our work. We confided that if all the members of our church will take the Biblical Recorder and fully inform themselves all our difficulties in regard to Missions would be solved. We also commend to your notice Charity and Children of the Thomasville Orphanage, and the Foreign Mission Journal.

A. L. TATUM, Com.

R. L. Byrd, J. L. Holland and F. S. Averitt spoke to the report and report adopted.

### **Report on Education**

The Board of Education of the Baptist State Convention has for its object not only the maintenance of young men preparing for the ministry at Wake Forest and the Seminary, but also of the young women at our colleges preparing for Mission work, and also the promotion in general of Christian Education for all of our young people.

In our Baptist school system at present there are 14 high schools, Wake Forest for young men, and Meredith and Chowan Colleges for young women. These institutions represent a money value of a million and a half dollars. They enrolled last year 3,788 students.

The teaching and example of our Divine Master, the evident plan of God as revealed in nature, the growing demand for trained workers in all secular employments, the examples of other great denominations, the crying need of our own, all these seriously impress the necessity of religious training for our people and call us loudly to lose no time in going about it.

In view of the facts stated, and of the other fundamental fact, namely, that consecration and training lie at the basis of every enterprise now engaging the efforts of our denomination, the Board of Education is calling upon our churches to raise this year \$20,000, or two-fifths as much as they raise for State Missions. Since the amount raised for Missions is spent in supporting the missionaries, surely it is not unreasonable to spend two-fifths as much in preparing missionaries for their work. And since 83 of all our ministers, and 91 per cent of our missionaries have been trained in Christian Schools, it would seem that if those schools should die every mission board would soon have to go out of business. And let it be widely known and ever remembered that these schools must die unless our people come to their support.

Your committee recommends, therefore, that our Association approve the plan of the Convention for promoting general education.

Second, that we approve the effort of the Board of Education to raise this year for education \$20,000, or two-fifths as much as we raise for State Missions.

Third, that the Association endeavor to raise among the churches during the year \$150.00, and request each of the churches to assume its proportional part of this amount; and that either by pledges or apportionment arrangements be made to effectuate this plan with the churches.

F. S. AVERITT, Com.



Prof. L. B. Olive of Del School and Pres. G. E. Lineberry of Chowan College spoke to the report. Report adopted. Pledges were then taken for the different objects of the Convention. (See table) The Association then adjourned for one hour.

### *Evening Session*

On motion the next session of the Association to meet with the White Oak church. White Oak, N. C., on Nov. 7th, 1917, Rev. R. L. Byrd to preach the introductory sermon.

### **State Mission Report**

In North Carolina State Mission evangelism has resulted in at least a hundred thousand baptisms. State Mission organization has fruited in the founding and fostering of fully half the white Baptist churches in the state. State Mission development has in very recent years vitalized more than two hundred town and city churches and more than four hundred village and country churches. State Mission investment is bringing into the Lord's treasury from present and former mission points at least two-thirds of the money contributed by North Carolina Baptists.

In money our State Mission work this year calls for gifts from the churches totalling \$55,000. As to men, the State Mission staff numbers about 150 of our best workers

In State Mission territory we include every community in North Carolina where there is religious or denominational destitution.

In the West, State Mission aim is mainly development as few more churches are needed.

In the Piedmont, where there are so many mills and so many country people are flocking about them, the State Mission goal is organization and development.

In the East, where we have few churches, the State Mission program includes evangelization, organization and development.

Then, we ought to be greatly interested in this work because the agency that has done so much for our cause in the past deserves our continual sympathy and support; and because our Lord calls upon us to preach the Gospel everywhere, "beginning at Jerusalem."

Your committee recommends that we co-operate with the board in every possible way in its work.

R. L. BYRD, Com.

Rev. Walter N. Johnson, Corresponding Secretary of the State Board of Missions, spoke to the report and report adopted.

### **Report on Home Missions**

We would earnestly insist on the churches supporting the work of the Home Mission board. The intention and business of the Home Board is extensive and covers work here in our own highlands, both in churches and schools, and is in co-operation with the State board of this and other states, also work among the negroes of our southland and in Cuba and Panama, where the state work cannot reach to the Indians in Oklahoma and other western districts. The many, many Foreigners coming to our homeland must be met with the Gospel, and unless the churches wake up to their full duty of gifts and prayers to this cause, we will fall far short of means to meet those that are coming to our borders annually without Christ and can only help to lead others downward instead of upward to our God and heaven.

J. L. HOLLAND, Com.

Report adopted.

### **Orphanage Report**

The cry of the child on the brink of the river Nile broke the heart of a heathern princess. Moses wept and his life was saved and the children of Israel delivered from Egyptian bondage.

Not since Christ glorified childhood has the cry of the child been so well understood as it is today. The child is here not by his own consent. Life was thrust upon him. He has rights that we must respect, and when he cries for justice we must hear and heed. Somebody will hear his cry. If Christians do not the devil will. Somebody must feed, clothe and train the child. If this is not done by his friends it will be done by his enemies, and he will render full service to his benefactors.

The orphanage at Thomasville is in part the answer of the Baptist churches of the state to this call. It was organized for this purpose and how well it has fulfilled its mission may be seen by the following:

In the 31 years of the life of the orphanage it has

sheltered and trained 1,702 boys and girls. The present number is 500 with an average cost of \$109.09 per child or 30 cents per day, aggregating a total cost of \$54,545. The work is constantly being enlarged, yet with all its wonderful growth and development cannot meet the present demands. Applications are coming in at the rate of fifty per month and not a tithe of this number can be received. The supreme need of the orphanage is a larger current fund. The various secular departments of the institution are proving to be important factors in its support. These are the farm, or the farms, as we have recently acquired control of the Kennedy farm, the printing department, the canning club, the sewing room, the shoe shop, dairy, etc.

We can and must increase our gifts. There are 2,000 Sunday Schools in the state. Only about one-third of these contribute any thing to the orphanage. About 40 per cent of the present expense fund comes from monthly collections by these few schools. The enlistment of all our schools would double the efficiency of the institution.

Your committee would recommend: First, a monthly contribution from every Sunday School in the Association; Second, a liberal Thanksgiving offering, emphasizing the importance of setting apart the income of one day for the orphanage, by every man, woman and child in the Association, at or near Thanksgiving time. We ask our churches and pastors to press this work day plan with all their power; Third, that every Sunday School take a club of the orphanage paper, "Charity and Children," and keep in touch with our large and growing family.

With the constantly advancing prices on nearly every staple article, the orphanage is running behind from month to month with current expenses. The present debt is \$22,000 with some \$12,000 in assets. The daily expense is \$150. We are dependent upon a large Thanksgiving offering for the extra shove as we enter the winter months.

I. P. HEDGPETH, Com.

F. B. Hamrick and J. L. Holland spoke to the report. A cash collection of \$5.33 was taken for the Thomasville Orphanage and report adopted.

On motion Rev. R. L. Byrd, A. L. Tatum and F. S. Averitt were appointed a committee to visit the Elizabethtown church for the purpose of investigating the matter of open communion in that church.

The Finance Committee and the Treasurer  
made their reports. On motion they were received.

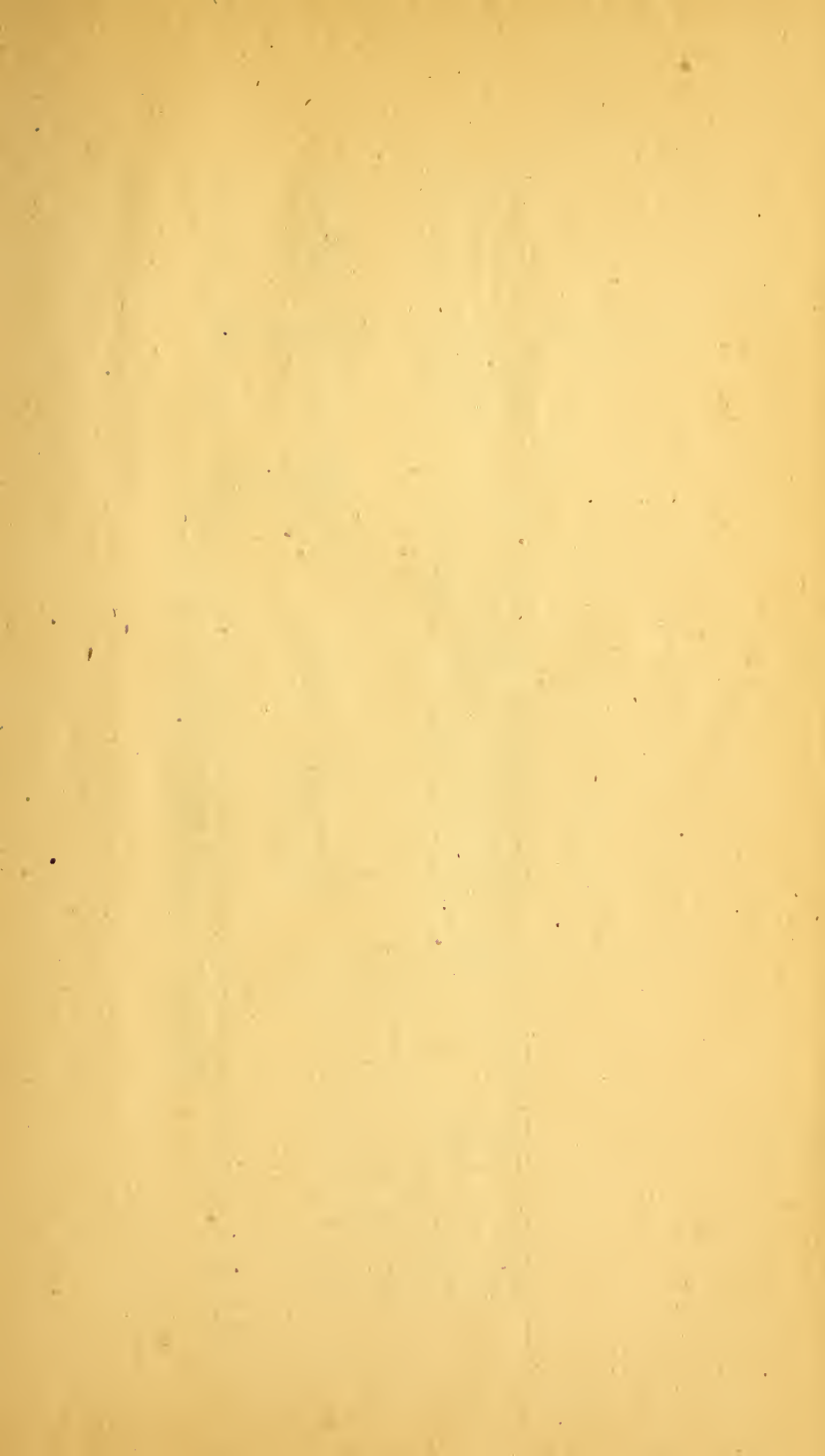
On motion the Association adjourned.

N A. LAYTON, Moderator

F. S. AVERITT, Clerk







## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

| CHURCHES       | Name of Organization | President and Postoffice            |                   |       |                |       |               |       |                  |       |                 |       |               |    |                     |  |  |
|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------|----------------|-------|---------------|-------|------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|---------------|----|---------------------|--|--|
|                |                      |                                     | Number of Members |       | State Missions |       | Home Missions |       | Foreign Missions |       | Training School |       | Other Objects |    | Total Contributions |  |  |
| Bladenboro.... | W. M. S.....         | Mrs. H. C. Bridger, Sr, Bladenboro  | 24                | 14    | 20             | 8     | 30            | 17    | 75               | 7     | 55              | 2     | 20            | 50 | 00                  |  |  |
| Bladenboro.... | Y. W. A.....         | Miss Clara Bule, Bladenboro.....    | 14                | ..... | .....          | ..... | .....         | 2     | 40               | ..... | .....           | ..... | .....         | 2  | 40                  |  |  |
| Bladenboro.... | Sunbeams .....       | Miss Della Singletary, Bladenboro   | 25                | ..... | 2              | 50    | .....         | ..... | 2                | 07    | .....           | ..... | .....         | 4  | 57                  |  |  |
| Elizabethtown  | W. M. S.....         | Mrs. Julia Ewell, Elizabethtown.... | 11                | 7     | 40             | ..... | .....         | 2     | 15               | ..... | .....           | ..... | .....         | 6  | 85                  |  |  |
| Loves Grove... | W. M. S.....         | Miss Jennie Monroe, Tar Heel.....   | 32                | 5     | 71             | 4     | 70            | 2     | 65               | ..... | .....           | ..... | .....         | 13 | 06                  |  |  |

## PLEDGES FOR ENSUING YEAR

| CHURCHES       | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Orphanage | Christian Education | Ministerial Relief |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|-----------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Abbottsburg... | 15 00          | 10 00         | 20 00            | 10 00     | 5 00                | 3 00               |
| Bethel.....    | 10 00          | 8 00          | 10 00            | 8 00      | 3 00                | 3 00               |
| Bladenboro.... | 50 00          | 40 00         | 50 00            | 40 00     | 40 00               | 25 00              |
| Brooklyn.....  | 2 00           | 2 00          | 2 00             | 2 00      | 1 00                | 50                 |
| Center Road... | 10 00          | 10 00         | 5 00             | 3 00      | 4 00                | 4 00               |
| Elizabethtown  | 10 00          | 7 00          | 10 00            | 10 00     | 5 00                | 3 00               |
| Emanuel.....   | 5 00           | 4 00          | 5 00             | 5 00      | 3 00                | 3 00               |
| Galeed.....    | 30 00          | 15 00         | 30 00            | 15 00     | 10 00               | 10 00              |
| Hickory Grove  | 20 00          | 7 00          | 7 00             | 8 00      | 2 00                | 4 00               |
| Loves Grove... | 15 00          | 15 00         | 10 00            | 15 00     | 2 00                | 3 00               |
| Shady Grove..  | 2 00           | 2 00          | 2 00             | 2 00      | 2 00                | 2 00               |
| Sandy Grove..  | 10 00          | 5 00          | 10 00            | 5 00      | 3 00                | 3 00               |
| White Oak..... | 40 00          | 17 50         | 40 00            | 45 00     | 17 50               | 10 00              |
| Whites Creek.. | 5 00           | 5 00          | 5 00             | 5 00      | 6 00                | 2 00               |
| Zion Hill..... | 15 00          | 12 00         | 15 00            | 8 00      | 5 00                | 3 00               |
|                | 239 00         | 159 50        | 221 00           | 181 00    | 108 50              | 78 50              |

# STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES       |                               |                              | Pastors and their Postoffices |       |     | Clerks and their Postoffices |     |     |                   |                          |          |                    |          |                     |          |          |                 |                   |                  |  |
|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-----|------------------------------|-----|-----|-------------------|--------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|--|
|                |                               |                              |                               |       |     |                              |     |     | Time of Preaching | Value of Church Property | Baptized | Received by Letter | Restored | Dismissed by Letter | Excluded | By death | Number of Males | Number of Females | Total Membership |  |
| Abbottsburg... | J. M. Fleming, Lumberton...   | G. W. Smith, Abbottsburg...  | 3                             | 1000  | 1   | 2                            | ... | ... | 1                 | 1                        | 34       | 37                 | 71       |                     |          |          |                 |                   |                  |  |
| Browns Creek   | R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro...  | W. B. Hester, Elizabethtown  | 3                             | 350   | ... | ...                          | ... | ... | ...               | ...                      | 8        | 10                 | 18       |                     |          |          |                 |                   |                  |  |
| Bethel.....    | R. L. Byrd, St. Pauls.....    | W. M. Bryan, Richardson...   | 1                             | 800   | ... | 7                            | 3   | 1   | 1                 | 1                        | 67       | 77                 | 144      |                     |          |          |                 |                   |                  |  |
| Beards Chapel  | Henry Carter, Garland.....    | W. K. Evans, Tomahawk....    | 3                             | 200   | 4   | ...                          | ... | 1   | 1                 | 1                        | 34       | 46                 | 80       |                     |          |          |                 |                   |                  |  |
| Bladenboro.... | I. P. Hedgepeth, Lumberton..  | J. G. Freeman, Bladenboro..  | 2                             | 15000 | ... | ...                          | ... | 5   | 1                 | 2                        | 83       | 80                 | 163      |                     |          |          |                 |                   |                  |  |
| Brooklyn.....  | J. D. Howell, Clarkton.....   | W. F. Melvin, Elkton.....    | 3                             | ...   | 1   | ...                          | ... | 1   | ...               | ...                      | 10       | 21                 | 31       |                     |          |          |                 |                   |                  |  |
| Center Road... | J. T. Tyner, Whiteville.....  | M. C. Kinlaw, Richardson...  | 2                             | 300   | 3   | ...                          | ... | 3   | 1                 | 1                        | 44       | 57                 | 101      |                     |          |          |                 |                   |                  |  |
| Cypress Creek  | J. E. Dupree, Salemburg.....  | W. R. Smith, Garland.....    | 1                             | 300   | 6   | 9                            | ... | ... | 1                 | 2                        | 34       | 69                 | 103      |                     |          |          |                 |                   |                  |  |
| Elizabethtown  | J. M. Fleming, Lumberton...   | R. H. Marshbrn, Eliz'btown   | 4                             | 2000  | ... | ...                          | ... | 4   | 1                 | 1                        | 20       | 26                 | 46       |                     |          |          |                 |                   |                  |  |
| Emanuel.....   | R. L. Byrd, St. Pauls.....    | W. J. Melvin, White Oak....  | 4                             | 600   | 3   | ...                          | ... | ... | 10                | 1                        | 15       | 17                 | 32       |                     |          |          |                 |                   |                  |  |
| Galeed.....    | J. M. Fleming, Lumberton...   | T. C. Hilburn, Abbottsburg.. | 3                             | 1000  | 6   | 2                            | ... | 1   | 5                 | 1                        | 62       | 90                 | 152      |                     |          |          |                 |                   |                  |  |
| Hickory Grove  | R. N. Cashwell, Lumberton..   | Seth Lewis, Richardson.....  | 4                             | 1000  | 1   | ...                          | 1   | 5   | 1                 | 2                        | 47       | 93                 | 140      |                     |          |          |                 |                   |                  |  |
| Loves Grove... | R. L. Byrd, St. Pauls.....    | A. R. Hall, Tar Heel.....    | 4                             | ...   | ... | ...                          | ... | 3   | 1                 | ...                      | 26       | 43                 | 69       |                     |          |          |                 |                   |                  |  |
| Mt. Zion.....  | J. C. Mizzell, Bolivia.....   | Manly Newton, Kerr.....      | 1                             | 500   | ... | ...                          | ... | ... | ...               | 2                        | 24       | 32                 | 56       |                     |          |          |                 |                   |                  |  |
| Richardson...  | D. H. Hilburn, Bladenboro..   | R. K. Nance, Richardson...   | 1                             | ...   | ... | ...                          | ... | ... | ...               | ...                      | ...      | ...                | ...      |                     |          |          |                 |                   |                  |  |
| Shady Grove..  | D. L. Johnson, Elizabethtown  | T. R. Thompson, Clarkton...  | 1                             | 1000  | 2   | ...                          | 2   | 1   | ...               | ...                      | 38       | 71                 | 109      |                     |          |          |                 |                   |                  |  |
| Sandy Grove..  | D. L. Johnson, Elizabethtown  | R. L. Guyton, Clarkton.....  | 1                             | 500   | 7   | 1                            | ... | 5   | 3                 | ...                      | 48       | 50                 | 98       |                     |          |          |                 |                   |                  |  |
| White Lake.... | Henry Carter, Garland.....    | D. A. Marshbrn, Eliz'btown   | 1                             | 500   | 3   | ...                          | ... | 1   | ...               | ...                      | 39       | 39                 | 78       |                     |          |          |                 |                   |                  |  |
| White Oak..... | J. W. Cobb, Lumber Bridge..   | A. L. Tatum, White Oak.....  | 3                             | 1500  | 9   | 4                            | 1   | 6   | 2                 | 4                        | 76       | 151                | 227      |                     |          |          |                 |                   |                  |  |
| Whites Creek.. | A. E. Porter, Whiteville..... | Roy Townsend, Clarkton.....  | 4                             | 1700  | 17  | 11                           | ... | 2   | ...               | 1                        | 40       | 35                 | 75       |                     |          |          |                 |                   |                  |  |
| Zion Hill..... | R. L. Byrd, St. Pauls.....    | M. Hester, Bladenboro.....   | 3                             | 500   | 5   | ...                          | ... | 1   | 3                 | 1                        | 41       | 43                 | 84       |                     |          |          |                 |                   |                  |  |
|                |                               |                              | 28550                         | 64    | 36  | 8                            | 46  | 20  | 20                | 756                      | 1041     | 1797               |          |                     |          |          |                 |                   |                  |  |

# FINANCIAL TABLE

| CHURCHES       | Pastor's Salary | Building and Repairs | Incidentals | S. S. Expenses | The Poor | Minute Fund | Associational Missions | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | S. S. Missions | Orphanage | Ministerial Education | Ministerial Relief | Other Objects | Total   |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|----------|-------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------|
| Abbottsburg... | 150 00          | 2 97                 | 13 86       | 13 98          | .....    | 1 50        | .....                  | 14 31          | 12 80         | 12 95            | .....          | 11 34     | .....                 | 2 05               | .....         | 259 51  |
| Browns Creek   | .....           | .....                | .....       | 8 17           | .....    | 25          | .....                  | 3 00           | .....         | 1 00             | .....          | .....     | .....                 | .....              | 13 75         | 26 42   |
| Bethel.....    | 125 00          | 233 00               | .....       | 11 47          | .....    | 1 75        | .....                  | 14 71          | 8 00          | 10 00            | 4 00           | 28 26     | 3 00                  | 3 00               | 28 11         | 470 30  |
| Beards Chapel  | 36 00           | .....                | .....       | .....          | .....    | 50          | .....                  | 3 00           | 1 50          | .....            | .....          | 3 00      | .....                 | .....              | .....         | 44 00   |
| Bladenboro...  | 275 00          | .....                | 34 93       | .....          | .....    | 5 00        | .....                  | 156 11         | 84 26         | 77 64            | .....          | 10 00     | 47 41                 | 9 80               | 55 56         | 895 71  |
| Brooklyn.....  | .....           | .....                | .....       | .....          | .....    | 1 00        | .....                  | 26             | 1 19          | 4 71             | .....          | 1 00      | .....                 | .....              | .....         | 8 16    |
| Center Road... | 100 00          | 10 00                | .....       | 16 01          | .....    | 1 00        | .....                  | 10 00          | 5 00          | 10 00            | .....          | 2 00      | 1 00                  | 1 00               | .....         | 156 01  |
| Cypress Creek  | 72 00           | .....                | .....       | 4 00           | .....    | 1 00        | .....                  | 2 10           | 1 00          | 1 00             | .....          | 1 00      | .....                 | .....              | .....         | 82 10   |
| Emanuel.....   | 125 00          | 35 00                | 18 27       | 10 00          | .....    | 1 02        | 7 64                   | 3 77           | 2 83          | 3 00             | .....          | 3 02      | 1 00                  | .....              | .....         | 209 55  |
| Elizabeth town | 100 00          | .....                | 21 00       | 38 44          | .....    | 1 00        | .....                  | 17 12          | 14 39         | 18 60            | 2 49           | 62 48     | 2 74                  | 7 57               | 75 09         | 361 92  |
| Galeed.....    | 200 00          | .....                | 1 60        | 23 50          | .....    | 3 25        | .....                  | 36 17          | 16 00         | 46 25            | .....          | 22 00     | 10 75                 | 11 25              | 28 80         | 399 55  |
| Loves Grove... | 115 00          | .....                | .....       | 18 26          | .....    | 1 50        | .....                  | 13 17          | 10 00         | 7 85             | .....          | 28 75     | 2 00                  | 4 80               | 103 40        | 306 80  |
| Mt. Zion.....  | 27 50           | .....                | 10 00       | 3 00           | .....    | 1 00        | .....                  | 10 00          | 5 00          | 5 00             | .....          | 5 00      | 1 50                  | .....              | 5 22          | 63 22   |
| Shady Grove..  | 61 00           | .....                | .....       | .....          | 4 90     | 1 00        | .....                  | 1 00           | .....         | 1 00             | .....          | 2 00      | .....                 | .....              | .....         | 70 90   |
| Sandy Grove..  | 65 00           | 1 50                 | 2 25        | 10 00          | 1 50     | 1 00        | .....                  | 10 00          | 2 44          | 10 00            | .....          | 11 00     | 2 00                  | 3 00               | .....         | 119 69  |
| Whites Creek.. | 175 00          | .....                | .....       | .....          | .....    | 1 00        | .....                  | 5 00           | 3 00          | 5 00             | .....          | 3 25      | 2 00                  | 2 00               | -26 55        | 297 80  |
| White Oak..... | 200 00          | .....                | .....       | .....          | .....    | 2 50        | .....                  | 43 92          | 15 88         | 15 88            | 13 75          | 72 52     | 9 50                  | 5 00               | .....         | 388 95  |
| White Lake.... | 60 00           | .....                | 5 00        | .....          | .....    | 2 00        | .....                  | 3 50           | 5 00          | 12 50            | .....          | 8 00      | 1 00                  | 2 00               | .....         | 99 00   |
| Hickory Grove  | 125 00          | .....                | 4 45        | .....          | .....    | .....       | 5 50                   | 25 00          | 7 94          | 7 94             | .....          | 9 25      | .....                 | 4 25               | .....         | 189 33  |
| Zion Hill..... | 100 00          | .....                | 17 00       | .....          | .....    | 50          | .....                  | 17 76          | 12 00         | 15 00            | .....          | 10 00     | 2 00                  | 3 00               | 8 00          | 184 26  |
|                | 2111 50         | 282 47               | 128 36      | 156 83         | 6 40     | 27 77       | 13 39                  | 389 90         | 208 23        | 267 31           | 20 24          | 385 87    | 85 90                 | 58 72              | 344 48        | 4333 18 |



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# **MINUTES**

Of The

**Twenty Sixth Annual Session**

Of The

**Bladen County Baptist Association**

Held With The

**White Oak Church, White Oak, N. C.**

**November 7th and 8th, 1917**



**The next session will be held with the Elizabethtown  
church, Elizabethtown, N. C., November 6th 1918  
Rev. J. M. Fleming to preach the Introductory  
Sermon.**

**Samuel T. Mears, Print, Clarkton, N. C.**

## Officers

|                                     |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| N. A. Layton, Moderator.....        | White Oak   |
| F. S. Averitt, Clerk and Treas..... | Abbottsburg |

## Executive Board

|                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| N. A. Layton, Chairman.....   | White Oak     |
| F. S. Averitt, Secretary..... | Abbottsburg   |
| J. N. Singletary.....         | Bladenboro    |
| D. A. Marshburn.....          | Elizabethtown |
| R. C. Bridger.....            | Bladenboro    |
| D. M. Melvin.....             | White Oak     |

## Ordained Ministers

|                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Brisson, W. M. .... | Dublin        |
| Brisson, W. L. .... | Bladenboro    |
| Clark, D. J. ....   | Elizabethtown |
| Cain, H. W. ....    | Elizabethtown |
| Dove, A. H. ....    | Clarkton      |
| Freeman, A. J. .... | Bladenboro    |
| Hilburn, R. M. .... | Bladenboro    |
| Hilburn, D. H. .... | Bladenboro    |
| Johnson, D. L. .... | Elizabethtown |
| Pait, D. E. ....    | Clarkton      |

## Writers for Next Session

|                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| State Missions.....      | <i>J. M. Fleming</i>   |
| Foreign Missions.....    | <i>J. E. Dupree</i>    |
| Home Missions.....       | <i>A. L. Tatum</i>     |
| Christian Education..... | <i>R. J. Hester</i>    |
| Orphanage.....           | <i>R. L. Byrd</i>      |
| Ministerial Relief.....  | <i>F. D. McLean</i>    |
| Periodicals.....         | <i>A. A. Hilburn</i>   |
| Sunday Schools.....      | <i>N. A. Layton</i>    |
| Woman's Work.....        | <i>I. P. Hedgepeth</i> |
| Intemperance.....        | <i>D. T. Britt</i>     |

## Churches and Representatives

Abbottsburg, *J. T. Averitt.*

Browns Creek, *Not represented.*

Bethel, *A. Long, J. W. Carroll, S. A. King.*

Brier Branch, *Not represented.*

Beards Chapel, *Not represented.*

Bladenboro, *F. J. Adams.*

Brooklyn, *Not represented.*

Center Road, *By letter.*

Cypress Creek, *W. R. Smith, W. W. Davis, Ethel  
Smith*

Elizabethtown, *Lee Tatum.*

Emanuel, *Griff Jones, O. M. Melvin, P. E. Evans.*

Galeed, *F. S. Averitt.*

Hickory Grove, *Roy Hester, Seth Lewis, W. E.  
Bryan.*

Loves Grove, *By letter.*

Mt. Zion, *By letter.*

Mt. Pleasant, *Not represented.*

Providence, *Not represented.*

Paradise, *Not represented.*

Richardson, *W. T. Nance, D. G. Duncan.*

Shady Grove, *By letter.*

Sandy Grove, *W. P. Dove.*

St. Joseph, *Not represented.*

Thumb Swamp, *Not represented.*

White Lake, *By letter.*

White Oak, *D. M. Melvin, F. P. Thomas, N. A.  
Odum.*

Whites Creek, *T. B. Harrelson, D. T. Britt.*

Zion Hill, *By letter.*



## *Proceedings*

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Session of the Bladen County Baptist Association met Nov. 7th 1917 with the White Oak Baptist Church. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. R. L. Byrd from the text Romans 1st chapter and 16th verse. The Association then re-organized by re-electing N. A. Layton Moderator and F. S. Averitt Clerk and Treasurer. A. L. Tatum and N. A. Odum were appointed Finance Committee. On motion the reading of the church letters was dispensed with and the letters turned over to the Finance Committee. Dr. C. J. Thompson, representing the Biblical Recorder, Archie Johnson, representing the Thomasville Orphanage, Rev. J. J. Adams from the Cape Fear Columbus Association, and H. B. Downing, from the Cumberland Association, were welcomed to seats.

The Committee appointed at the last session of the Association to investigate the matter of open communion in the Elizabethtown church reported that they find the church to be orthodox and not practicing open communion. On motion their report was received and the matter stricken out. The Association then adjourned for one hour.

### *Evening Session*

Rev. J. M. Fleming led in prayer.

### **Report on Foreign Missions**

Foreign Missions is the mountain peak of Missions for there is no command to go farther than the uttermost parts of the earth.

Jesus being our Lord and Master, and we having taken up our cross to follow Him, our faith should be active and this report should make its appeal to us. It is God's plan that the message of His Son be carried to all the world, and we ought to give heed to His loving command.

However, if we would catch the vision we must find the



"King's Highway." The Bible contains the commands, and The Missionary Journal, Home and Foreign Fields, published monthly by our Sunday School Board, 161 8th Avenue, Nashville, Tenn., at 50 cents the year, informs us as to the needs of Home and Foreign Mission work among Southern Baptists.

Following is the way a dollar given to Foreign Missions is divided: 36 cents goes to China, 22 cents to Brazil, 8 cents to Mexico, 6 1-2 cents to Japan, 6 cents to Argentina, 6 cents to Europe, and 3 cents to Africa. The remainder stays at home and is paid out as follows: 2 cents to Laymen and W. M. U. work, 2 cents to interest on borrowed money, 3 1-2 cents to the State Mission Secretary for collecting, and 5 cents to the Richmond office, while North Carolina gets back 36 cents out of every dollar she gives to Home Missions. There have been 6,347 baptisms reported this year on the Foreign Fields.

Receipts for current support from all sources last year were \$560,767.52, and Southern Baptists have given \$92,556.51 during the five months of the present year, so that we are about \$14,000 ahead of last year at the same period. A debt of \$40,000 was brought over from last year which gives us a grand total of \$679,311 which must be paid or another debt will be reported.

North Carolina Baptists are asked to raise \$55,000 and have paid \$7,076.61. Your committee very respectfully urges a more systematic and liberal giving by our people to the cause of Missions, and let the church treasurers be prompt in forwarding the same so as to cut down the tremendous interest account that accrues every year.

May the Lord's people in every quarter of His vineyard see the cause prosper in their hands.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. FLEMING.

Revs. J. M. Fleming, J. E. Dupree and Dr. C. J. Thompson spoke to the report. Pledges were taken for Foreign Missions and report adopted.

### **Report on Orphanage**

In its physical equipment, as well as in the character of its constituency, the Thomasville Orphanage holds a foremost place among the Orphan Homes of the South. For 32 years the Home has been growing and is constantly being enlarged and still the task looms before us as just begun.

The unprecedented prices for the necessities of life have made a rocky road for all public institutions, but the Baptist people have been responsive and generous. The past year has been the best in our history, financially. But the fact that it put us out of debt must not lull us to sleep. The high cost of living is putting us in debt again. From month to month we are running behind with our current expenses. Contributions must increase with our needs. Within a few months there will be added to Kennedy Home another cottage for 25 more children. The distress of our times adds its demands upon the Orphanage. The most rigid economy is being practiced at the Orphanage. Those in charge of it were among the first to learn the lessons of the war. Conservation is the cry. Fruits and vegetables are being canned in large quantities against the winter season.

Since the reception of the first child, Nov. 11th, 1885, 1794 have been enrolled, and the present number is 505 (with the prospect of about 530 by the end of the year). The average yearly cost per child is \$127.75 or 35 cents the day, aggregating a total annual cost of \$66,046.75. The health record of the children for the past year has been remarkable, there being no deaths and few cases of serious illness.

While the nation is training the soldiers at the various camps for the service of our country, the Orphanage is likewise preparing the young lives under its care for the larger service of winning bloodless battles under the banner of the King of Kings. Our loyalty and liberality to the Orphanage must not be lessened but increased.

We urge larger regular giving by the Sunday Schools in once a month collections. And we confidently look for a larger increase in the "One day for the Orphanage" thank offering this fall. But for this special effort we would be hopelessly in debt at this time. Without a wide circulation of Charity and Children these results would be impossible, hence we urge an individual copy to as many of our people as possible and a club in every Sunday School.

A. L. TATUM

Archie Johnson spoke to the report. A cash collection was taken for the Thomasville Orphanage amounting to \$4.73. Pledges were taken for the Orphanage and the report adopted. The Association then adjourned till 9.30 a. m. tomorrow.

## **Second Day**

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator. Rev. J. M. Fleming led in prayer. The Moderator appointed F. J. Adams and D. B. Averitt a committee to select writers for next session. Minutes of yesterday were read, amended and adopted.

### **Report on Home Missions**

Our Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Ga., has the distinction of reporting yearly more converts and baptism through the work of its Missionaries than have ever been reported by another Home Mission Board in America, though several of these expend more money than our board does.

Our board last year reported 37,724 baptisms. Last year the total receipts of the board for all objects were \$474,792.

The great world war is a challenge to every moral and spiritual resource in America. Hundreds of thousands of homes will experience a new soul-hunger, a new sense of need, in the giving of their sons to fight in the nation's armies for justice and democracy. The American farmers must feed the world. Southern Baptists must do their full share to save and to serve the religious needs of our American boys in the camps, and to protect them from the birds of prey that gather in the wake of every army.

Realizing the new and heavier burdens must in this crisis be borne by Baptists of the South in the Home Mission field, the Southern Baptist Convention at New Orleans instructed the board to pursue its work on the basis of an apportionment of \$505,193. Patriotism and true religion calls us to a large support of Home Missions.

We recommend:

1st. That earnest prayer be made for the work of the Home Mission Board and that our pastors be asked to preach at least once during the year upon Home Missions.

2nd. That this Association increase its apportionment for Home Missions at least 25 per cent.

3rd. That we apportion this amount among our churches and publish the apportionment in our minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. BYRD

Rev. J. M. Fleming and Dr. C. J. Thompson



spoke to the report. Pledges were taken for Home Missions and the report adopted. On motion the Clerk was instructed to arrange mission pledges for the churches failing to represent.

### **Report on Periodicals**

We as Christian workers must have knowledge of the needs of our different objects if we do what God requires of us. Many of us do not even know the condition of our own State, saying nothing of Foreign conditions we cannot do our duty for God's cause without more information along this line. Therefore to better understand the needs of the work which our Savior would have us do, we must study more carefully and prayerfully our denominational literature. We recommend the reading of the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children and the Home and Foreign Journal.

N. A. ODUM.

Dr. C. J. Thompson spoke to the report and the report was adopted.

Rev. J. A. Tharpe, of the Methodist church, Secretary Walter N. Johnson, Rev. J. S. Snyder and Judge J. A. Oates, of Fayetteville, and Prof. I. L. Bennett, of the Dell School, were welcomed to seats.

### **Report on Sunday Schools**

North Carolina was a pioneer in Sunday School Mission work, and every State in the Southern Baptist Convention has followed her example in this policy. It is an effort on the part of the churches to carry out the Master's command when He said: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." The work been a blessing to the churches and to the State from its beginning, and ought to be pressed vigorously.

Some of the needs;

1. We need a vision of the power and place of the Sunday School, and duty in it to be performed by every church member. To have the vision and not try to perform the task is only a dream. To try to perform the task and not have the vision is a hardship.

2. The state, associational and local workers should plan for an evergreen Sunday School in every church and mission point.

3. There are thousands of church members who are not enlisted. We need them to help in the work, and they need the Sunday Schools for the fellowship, training and Bible study they can get.

4. Let us improve the organization and equipment of all schools. All classes now organized should register with the Convention Adult Bible Class Department, and other classes should be organized, using the class plans maintained by Southern Baptists. The equipment should include suitable classrooms, adequate supplies of literature, and the most efficient teachers.

5. We cannot overestimate the training of our forces. Full information about teacher training is vastly important, and normal classes ought to be formed among the teachers and officers we now have.

6. All workers need books and tracts for their respective departments. The books are cheap, and can be bought from the Sunday School Board at Nashville, and the tracts may be secured free from Secretary E. L. Middleton, Raleigh, N. C.

7. We need \$2,750, of which the Sunday School Board will pay \$500. This is necessary for the prosecution of this work in the state, and your committee urges the hearty co-operation of all pastors, officers and teachers in this great work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. FLEMING

Dr. W. N. Johnson spoke on Sunday Schools and State Missions. Pledges were taken for State Missions and the report adopted.

On motion it was agreed that the next session of the Association be held with the Elizabethtown church beginning Nov. 6th, 1918, Rev. J. M. Fleming to preach the introductory sermon.

### **Evening Session**

The Association was called together by music. Rev. J. S. Snyder led in prayer.

### **Report on Intemperance**

Intemperance makes men irresponsible. Morality depends upon responsibility and purpose. The intemperate man is always liable to moments when he is not himself. There is, therefore, a very clear and positive relationship



between immorality and intemperance.

Intemperance weakens the resistance of the will, and therefore, leads to immorality. No man can go through this life and resist the power of temptation if the throne of his reason has been demolished.

If there ever was a day when any relationship existed between strong drink and good morals, that day has passed. Even now, by our nation, strong drink has been put under the ban, and men are held responsible for their deeds. As strong drink has become outlawed, to defy the law is to forfeit the right of citizenship and to surrender the claims of recognition of decent government.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. MELVIN

John A. Oates, of Fayetteville, spoke on the subjects of Intemperance and Food Conservation.

Pres. G. E. Linebery, of Chowan College, and Prof. I. L. Bennett, of the Dell School, spoke on the subject of Education.

The Treasurer and Finance Committee made their reports and the reports were received. On motion the Clerk of the Association be allowed Fifteen Dollars for his services.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at Elizabethtown in November, 1918.

N. A. LAYTON, Moderator

F. S. AVERITT, Clerk.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

| Churches       | Superintendent and Postoffice  | Secretary and Postoffice         | Total Enrollment | Church Members in S S | Baptisms from School | School Expenses | Missions | Orphanage | Other Objects | Total Contributions |    |     |    |     |    |
|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|---------------|---------------------|----|-----|----|-----|----|
| Abbotsburg.    | J. D McKeithan, Abbotsburg.    | J. T. Averitt, Abbotsburg.       | 55               | 20                    | 1                    | 8 20            | .....    | 14 87     | .....         | 23 07               |    |     |    |     |    |
| Rethel.....    | C. W. King, Bladenboro.        | Charlie Brisson, Dublin.         | 113              | 16                    | 16                   | 35 20           | .....    | .....     | 3 39          | 38 59               |    |     |    |     |    |
| Bladenboro...  | H. C. Bridger, Bladenboro.     | J. P. Hester, Bladenboro.        | 101              | .....                 | .....                | 45 00           | 171 69   | 306 56    | .....         | 523 25              |    |     |    |     |    |
| Center Road..  | F. J. Butler, Guyton.          | E. D. Butler, Bladenboro.        | 51               | 45                    | .....                | 6 79            | .....    | .....     | .....         | 6 79                |    |     |    |     |    |
| Cypress Creek  | W. T. Davis, Parkersburg       | W. R. Smith, Garland             | 60               | .....                 | 7                    | 5 25            | .....    | .....     | .....         | 5 25                |    |     |    |     |    |
| Elizabethtown  | R. J. Hester, Elizabethtown.   | Mrs. J. R. Shepherd, Eliz'b town | 57               | 25                    | 3                    | 20 00           | .....    | 36 00     | 30 00         | 86 00               |    |     |    |     |    |
| Emanuel.....   | W. E. Allen, White Oak.        | Lelah Melvin, White Oak.         | 60               | 20                    | .....                | 2 00            | .....    | .....     | .....         | 2 00                |    |     |    |     |    |
| Galeed.....    | T. C. Hilburn, Abbotsburg.     | J. F. Freeman, Bladenboro.       | 100              | 50                    | .....                | 9 10            | 3 14     | 10 00     | 3 46          | 25 60               |    |     |    |     |    |
| Hickory Grove  | Seth Lewis, Bladenboro.        | Roy Hester, Bladenboro.          | 52               | 9                     | 6                    | 00              | .....    | 5 00      | .....         | 11 00               |    |     |    |     |    |
| Loves Grove..  | Dan Brisson, Tar Heel.         | Braxton Martin, Tar Heel.        | 68               | 40                    | 3                    | 22 80           | .....    | .....     | 15 00         | 37 80               |    |     |    |     |    |
| Mt. Zion.....  | F. F. Newton, Kerr.            | Hattie McDaniel, Kerr.           | 41               | .....                 | .....                | 3 00            | .....    | .....     | 10 44         | 13 44               |    |     |    |     |    |
| Richardson.... | J. C. Davis, Richardson.       | Warren Phillips, Richardson.     | 41               | 20                    | .....                | 2 68            | .....    | .....     | .....         | 2 68                |    |     |    |     |    |
| Shady Grove.   | W. J. Burke, Abbotsburg.       | S. W. Thompson, Clarkton.        | 30               | 10                    | .....                | .....           | .....    | .....     | .....         | .....               |    |     |    |     |    |
| Sandy Grove.   | W. P. Dove, Clarkton.          | F. A. Kinlaw, Clarkton.          | 45               | 25                    | 3                    | 8 00            | .....    | .....     | 12 42         | 20 42               |    |     |    |     |    |
| White Lake...  | D. A. Marshburn, Elizabethtown | .....                            | .....            | .....                 | .....                | .....           | .....    | .....     | .....         | .....               |    |     |    |     |    |
| White Oak..... | N. A. Layton, White Oak.       | Cora B. Cole, White Oak.         | 81               | 6                     | 20                   | 36 19           | 59 33    | 60 38     | 26 11         | 80 111              |    |     |    |     |    |
| Whites Creek.  | D. T. Britt, Clarkton.         | Roy Townsend, Clarkton.          | 30               | .....                 | .....                | .....           | .....    | .....     | .....         | .....               |    |     |    |     |    |
| Zion Hill..... | M. Hester, Bladenboro.         | E. A. Davis, Bladenboro.         | 41               | 33                    | 1                    | 8 88            | .....    | .....     | 6 00          | 14 88               |    |     |    |     |    |
|                |                                |                                  | 1028             | 283                   | 57                   | 302             | 26       | 194       | 42            | 406                 | 03 | 118 | 97 | 922 | 68 |

# STATISTICAL TABLE

| Churches       | Pastors and Address           | Clerks and Address           |                   |         |              |          |          |                    |          |                     |          |      |       |         |                  |  |  |
|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|------|-------|---------|------------------|--|--|
|                |                               |                              | Time of Preaching |         | Value Church | Property | Baptized | Received by Letter | Restored | Dismissed by Letter | Excluded | Died | Males | Females | Total Membership |  |  |
| Abbotsburg.    | J. M. Fleming, Lumberton.     | G. W. Smith, Abbotsburg.     | 3                 | \$ 1000 | 7            | 1        | 1        | 2                  | 9        | 3                   | 3        | 1    | 84    | 45      | 79               |  |  |
| Bethel.....    | R. L. Byrd, St. Pauls.....    | W. M. Bryan, Bladenboro...   | 1                 | 800     | 22           | 6        | 4        | 7                  | 5        | 1                   | 3        | 76   | 87    | 163     |                  |  |  |
| Bladenboro...  | I. P. Hedgpath, Lumberton.    | J. G. Freeman, Bladenboro... | 2                 | 1500    | ..           | ..       | ..       | ..                 | ..       | ..                  | ..       | 85   | 82    | 167     |                  |  |  |
| Center Road..  | J. T. Tyner, Whiteville.....  | M. C. Kinlaw, Bladenboro...  | 2                 | 300     | ..           | ..       | ..       | ..                 | ..       | ..                  | ..       | 41   | 52    | 93      |                  |  |  |
| Cypress Creek  | J. E. Dupree, Salemburg.....  | W. R. Smith, Garland.....    | 1                 | 300     | 7            | ..       | 1        | ..                 | ..       | ..                  | 2        | 36   | 73    | 109     |                  |  |  |
| Elizabethtown  | J. E. Dupree, Salemburg.....  | R. H. Marshburn Eliz'btown   | 2                 | 2500    | 3            | 2        | ..       | 2                  | ..       | ..                  | 2        | 21   | 28    | 49      |                  |  |  |
| Emmanuel.....  | R. L. Byrd, St. Pauls.....    | W. J. Melvin, White Oak....  | 4                 | 600     | ..           | ..       | ..       | ..                 | ..       | ..                  | ..       | 15   | 17    | 32      |                  |  |  |
| Galeed.....    | J. M. Fleming, Lumberton.     | T. C. Hilburn, Abbotsburg.   | 4                 | 1000    | 5            | 11       | 1        | 2                  | ..       | ..                  | ..       | 64   | 95    | 159     |                  |  |  |
| Hickory Grove  | R. N. Caldwell, Lumberton.    | Seth Lewis, Bladenboro.....  | 4                 | 1000    | 14           | ..       | ..       | 5                  | 1        | ..                  | ..       | 51   | 98    | 149     |                  |  |  |
| Loves Grove..  | R. L. Byrd, St. Pauls.....    | L. B. Grimes, Tar Heel.....  | 4                 | 2000    | 5            | 6        | ..       | 2                  | 1        | 2                   | 2        | 26   | 45    | 71      |                  |  |  |
| Mt. Zion.....  | J. C. Mizzell, Bolivia.....   | Manly Newton, Kerr.....      | 1                 | 500     | 6            | ..       | ..       | ..                 | 1        | 1                   | 1        | 29   | 30    | 59      |                  |  |  |
| Richardson.... | D. H. Hilburn, Bladenboro.    | R. K. Nance, Bladenboro....  | 1                 | 1000    | 1            | 1        | ..       | ..                 | 1        | 1                   | 1        | 36   | 38    | 74      |                  |  |  |
| Shady Grove.   | D. L. Johnson, Downingsville  | T. R. Thompson, Clarkton...  | 1                 | 1500    | 1            | ..       | ..       | 5                  | ..       | 1                   | 1        | 37   | 68    | 105     |                  |  |  |
| Sandy Grove.   | J. T. Tyner, Whiteville.....  | R. L. Guyton, Clarkton.....  | 4                 | 500     | 4            | ..       | ..       | 1                  | 2        | 2                   | 2        | 45   | 50    | 95      |                  |  |  |
| White Lake...  | Henry Carter, Garland.....    | D. A. Marshburn, Eliz'btown  | 1                 | 500     | 4            | ..       | ..       | ..                 | 1        | 1                   | 1        | 40   | 40    | 80      |                  |  |  |
| White Oak..... | J. E. Dupree, Salemburg.....  | A. L. Tatum, White Oak....   | 3                 | 1500    | 6            | 1        | ..       | 4                  | ..       | ..                  | 3        | 77   | 152   | 229     |                  |  |  |
| Whites Creek.  | A. H. Porter, Whiteville..... | A. V. Townsend, Clarkton...  | 4                 | 600     | 1            | 3        | ..       | 10                 | ..       | ..                  | ..       | 42   | 37    | 79      |                  |  |  |
| Zion Hill..... | R. L. Byrd, St. Pauls.....    | M. Hester, Bladenboro.....   | 3                 | 500     | 1            | 1        | ..       | 9                  | 7        | ..                  | ..       | 32   | 39    | 71      |                  |  |  |
|                |                               |                              |                   | \$31100 | 87           | 36       | 4        | 57                 | 23       | 20                  | 787      | 1076 | 1863  |         |                  |  |  |

# FINANCIAL TABLE

| Churches       | Pastor's Salary | Building and Repairs | Incidentals | S. S. Expenses | The Poor | Minute Fund | Association Missions | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | S. S. Missions | Orphanage | Ministerial Education | Ministerial Relief | Colleges and Schools | Other  | Object | Total   |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|----------|-------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Abbottsburg.   | 200 00          | 28 89                | 28 89       | 8 20           | .....    | 2 10        | 1 50                 | 15 00          | 10 00         | 20 00            | 1 86           | 11 58     | .....                 | 1 80               | .....                | .....  | .....  | 329 82  |
| Bethel.....    | 125 00          | .....                | .....       | 35 20          | .....    | 1 85        | .....                | 21 44          | 11 30         | 10 33            | .....          | 11 14     | 3 00                  | 3 00               | .....                | 65 13  | .....  | 287 39  |
| Bladenboro...  | 325 00          | .....                | 162 91      | 45 00          | .....    | 6 00        | .....                | 239 70         | 52 39         | 77 95            | .....          | 379 15    | 50 00                 | 37 14              | .....                | 100 00 | .....  | 1475 24 |
| Center Road..  | 100 00          | .....                | .....       | 6 79           | .....    | 55          | .....                | 4 31           | .....         | .....            | .....          | .....     | .....                 | .....              | .....                | .....  | .....  | 111 65  |
| Cypress Creek  | 72 00           | .....                | .....       | 5 25           | .....    | 1 00        | 4 10                 | 2 11           | 3 25          | 3 25             | .....          | 3 00      | .....                 | .....              | .....                | 27 00  | .....  | 120 96  |
| Elizabethtown  | 200 00          | .....                | 25 00       | .....          | 7 00     | 1 00        | .....                | 5 50           | 3 40          | 3 35             | .....          | 2 40      | 2 40                  | 2 30               | .....                | .....  | .....  | 252 35  |
| Emanuel.....   | 75 00           | .....                | .....       | 2 00           | .....    | 1 00        | .....                | 5 48           | 2 83          | 1 65             | .....          | .....     | .....                 | 1 18               | .....                | .....  | .....  | 89 14   |
| Galced.....    | 200 00          | .....                | 16 25       | 9 10           | .....    | 4 65        | .....                | 40 75          | 31 64         | 45 75            | 11 40          | 23 00     | 19 30                 | 12 25              | .....                | 59 12  | .....  | 473 34  |
| Hickory Grove  | 125 00          | .....                | 37 20       | 6 00           | .....    | .....       | .....                | 26 97          | 8 41          | 8 40             | .....          | 16 25     | .....                 | 5 71               | .....                | .....  | .....  | 233 94  |
| Loves Grove..  | 125 00          | 1167 30              | .....       | 22 83          | 5 78     | 1 83        | 11 37                | 3 95           | 4 68          | 7 54             | .....          | 15 00     | .....                 | 4 50               | .....                | 14 40  | .....  | 1384 18 |
| Mt. Zion.....  | 100 00          | .....                | .....       | 3 00           | .....    | 1 00        | .....                | 13 50          | 10 00         | 10 00            | 5 00           | 6 50      | 5 00                  | 3 50               | .....                | 10 44  | .....  | 167 94  |
| Richardson...  | 60 00           | 62 00                | 45          | 2 68           | .....    | .....       | .....                | 1 50           | 4 70          | 1 63             | .....          | 2 00      | .....                 | .....              | .....                | .....  | .....  | 134 96  |
| Shady Grove.   | 55 00           | .....                | 15 00       | .....          | .....    | 1 00        | .....                | 2 00           | 2 00          | .....            | .....          | 2 30      | .....                 | .....              | .....                | .....  | .....  | 77 30   |
| Sandy Grove.   | 75 00           | .....                | .....       | 8 00           | 6 00     | 30          | .....                | 10 00          | 5 00          | 10 00            | .....          | 5 00      | .....                 | 2 00               | 3 00                 | 32 89  | .....  | 157 19  |
| White Lake...  | 60 00           | 5 00                 | .....       | .....          | .....    | 1 12        | .....                | 8 00           | 5 00          | 5 24             | .....          | 6 00      | .....                 | 3 00               | .....                | 40 72  | .....  | 134 08  |
| White Oak..... | 200 00          | 200 00               | .....       | 20 36          | .....    | 2 50        | 10 00                | 17 00          | 15 00         | 35 00            | .....          | .....     | 7 00                  | 8 00               | .....                | 24 60  | .....  | 519 46  |
| Whites Creek.  | 125 00          | 36 70                | 1 00        | .....          | .....    | 40          | .....                | 6 13           | 5 37          | 5 40             | .....          | 3 00      | 1 11                  | 2 00               | .....                | 45 64  | .....  | 231 75  |
| Zion Hill..... | 100 00          | .....                | 20 00       | 24 88          | .....    | 85          | .....                | 15 00          | 12 00         | 15 00            | .....          | 9 16      | 5 44                  | 3 67               | .....                | .....  | .....  | 206 00  |
|                | 2322 00         | 1519 89              | 306 70      | 199 29         | 18 78    | 27 15       | 26 97                | 438 34         | 186 97        | 260 49           | 18 26          | 495 48    | 93 25                 | 90 05              | 3 00                 | 419 94 | .....  | 6386 69 |



# WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

| <i>CHURCH</i>  | <i>Organization</i> | <i>President and Postoffice</i>      | <i>No Members</i> | <i>State Missions</i> | <i>Home Missions</i> | <i>Foreign Missions</i> | <i>Training School</i> | <i>Other Objects</i> | <i>Total Contribution</i> |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Bladenboro...  | W. M. S. ....       | Mrs. H. C. Bridger, S.r., Bladenboro | 27                | \$10.50               | \$28.68              | \$15.00                 | \$9.45                 | \$40.00              | \$103.63                  |
| Bladenboeo.... | Sunbeams....        | Miss Della Singletary, Bladenboro... | 15                | 1 75                  | 2 25                 | 2 50                    | .....                  | .....                | 6 50                      |
| Galeed.....    | W. M. S. ....       | Mrs. C. M. Singletary, Abbottsburg   | 30                | .....                 | 4 75                 | 5 50                    | .....                  | .....                | 10 25                     |
| Galeed.....    | Sunbeams ....       | Miss Bessie Lewis, Bladenboro.....   | 25                | .....                 | 94                   | .....                   | .....                  | .....                | 94                        |
| Loves Grove.   | W. M. S. ....       | Mrs. W. T. Hall, Tar Heel.....       | 28                | .....                 | .....                | .....                   | .....                  | 15 28                | 15 28                     |
| Abbottsburg.   | Sunbeams ....       | Mrs. J. T. Averitt, Abbottsburg..... | 29                | .....                 | .....                | .....                   | .....                  | .....                | .....                     |
| Cypress Creek  | W. M. S. ....       | Miss Ethel Smith, Garland.....       | 15                | .....                 | .....                | .....                   | .....                  | .....                | .....                     |
| White Oak..... | W. M. S. ....       | Mrs. Lizzie Butler, White Oak.....   | 15                | 160                   | 1 65                 | .....                   | .....                  | .....                | 3 25                      |
|                |                     |                                      | 184               | \$13.85               | \$38.27              | \$23.00                 | \$9.45                 | \$55.28              | \$139.85                  |



# Treasurer's Report

## RECEIPTS

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Minute Fund.....        | \$ 28.52 |
| State Missions.....     | 25.39    |
| Foreign Missions.....   | 57.58    |
| Home Missions.....      | 15.13    |
| Education .....         | 4.80     |
| Orphanage.....          | 23.57    |
| Ministerial Relief..... | 8.00     |
| Sunday Schools.....     | 3.25     |
|                         | <hr/>    |
|                         | 166.24   |

## DISBURSED

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| State Missions.....       | \$ 25.39 |
| Foreign Missions.....     | 57.58    |
| Home Missions.....        | 15.13    |
| Education .....           | 4.80     |
| Orphanage.....            | 23.57    |
| Ministerial Relief.....   | 8.00     |
| Sunday Schools.....       | 3.25     |
| Printing Minutes.....     | 18.00    |
| Clerk of Association..... | 10.00    |
| Postage.....              | .52      |
|                           | <hr/>    |
|                           | 166.24   |

F. S. AVERITT, Treasurer

## Report Finance Committee

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Minute Fund            | \$ 25.15 |
| Associational Missions | 4.10     |
| State Missions         | 46.48    |
| Foreign Missions       | 11.11    |
| Home Missions          | 9.26     |
| Orphanage              | 9.43     |
| Education              | 13.40    |
| Ministerial Relief     | 6.35     |
|                        | <hr/>    |
| Total                  | 125.28   |

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## Pledges for Ensuing Year

| Churches       | State Missions | Foreign Missions | Home Missions | Orphanage | Christian Educ'n | Ministerial Relief |
|----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|--------------------|
| Abbottsborg.   | 20 00          | 20 00            | 12 00         | 15 00     | 5 00             | 3 00               |
| Bethel.....    | 10 00          | 15 00            | 10 00         | 12 00     | 3 00             | 3 00               |
| Brier Branch   | 1 00           | 1 00             | 1 00          | 1 00      | 1 00             | 1 00               |
| Beards Chapel  | 2 00           | 2 00             | 2 00          | 2 00      | 1 00             | 1 00               |
| Bladenboro...  | 75 00          | 75 00            | 75 00         | 75 00     | 50 00            | 30 00              |
| Brooklyn.....  | 2 00           | 2 00             | 1 00          | 1 00      | 1 00             | 1 00               |
| Center Road..  | 10 00          | 10 00            | 5 00          | 4 00      | 1 00             | 1 00               |
| Cypress Creek  | 5 00           | 5 00             | 4 00          | 3 00      | 1 00             | 1 00               |
| Elizabethtown  | 15 00          | 15 00            | 10 00         | 15 00     | 2 00             | 3 00               |
| Emanuel.....   | 6 00           | 10 00            | 5 00          | 6 00      | 1 00             | 2 00               |
| Galeed.....    | 40 00          | 40 00            | 20 00         | 20 00     | 15 00            | 10 00              |
| Hickory Grove  | 25 00          | 10 00            | 10 00         | 10 00     | 2 00             | 4 00               |
| Loves Grove..  | 10 00          | 10 00            | 10 00         | 15 00     | 2 00             | 3 00               |
| Mt. Zion.....  | 10 00          | 8 00             | 5 00          | 5 00      | 2 00             | 3 00               |
| Richardson.... | 2 00           | 2 00             | 1 00          | 2 00      | 1 00             | 2 00               |
| Shady Grove.   | 2 00           | 2 00             | 2 00          | 2 00      | 1 00             | 1 00               |
| Sandy Grove.   | 10 00          | 10 00            | 7 00          | 5 00      | 1 00             | 2 00               |
| White Lake...  | 8 00           | 5 00             | 5 00          | 5 00      | 1 00             | 2 00               |
| White Oak..... | 50 00          | 60 00            | 35 00         | 60 00     | 20 00            | 10 00              |
| Whites Creek.  | 5 00           | 8 00             | 6 00          | 4 00      | 1 00             | 1 00               |
| Zion Hill..... | 15 00          | 20 00            | 8 00          | 8 00      | 2 00             | 2 00               |
|                | 323 00         | 330 00           | 234 00        | 270 00    | 114 00           | 76 00              |















